THE MOST REVEREND STEPHEN S. WOZNICKI, D.D.
Episcopal Consecration Jan. 25, 1938. Named Bishop of Saginaw March 28, 1950.

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Diocese of Saginaw 1938-1963

Diocese Has Served Under 4 Popes

His Holiness Pope Paul VI

THE DIOCESE of Saginaw was erected 25 years ago at a time when the storm clouds of war hung heavily over the world. On Feb. 26, 1938, His Holiness Pope Pius XI separated 16 counties of the diocese of Grand Rapids and the Archdiocese of Detroit to form the new Diocese of Saginaw.

When the Holy Father signed the decree of erection, he appointed Msgr. William Murphy, D.D., pastor of St. David's Church, Detroit, to be the first bishop of the new diocese.

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War Clouds Gather

SINCE THAT time, the diocese has served under three other Popes, one other Bishop, and has seen the holocaust of a World War.

Ironically, at the same time that Pope Pius XI was attending to the needs of an increasing Catholic population here, Hitler was planning his destructive invasion of Poland. The results of Hitler's plan, however, were not to be felt until after the death of Pope Pius XI in 1939.

Pope Pius XI

Shortly after the death of Pius XI, a conclave of Cardinals elected Eugenio Cardinal Pacelli as Supreme head of the Catholic Church.

As one of his first functions, Pope Pius XII sent a letter to Bishop Murphy bestowing his Apostolic Blessing on the diocese of Saginaw and assuring Catholics in this area of his prayers and good wishes.

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Conflict and Aftermath

IT WAS DURING the first year of Pius XII's reign that World War II erupted. Many Catholic men from this diocese gave their lives before the war ended in 1945.

Although the war ended in 1945, the shortage of steel and building materials was felt until the early 1950's, slowing the construction of churches and schools.

On Feb. 7, 1950, Bishop Murphy died. Pope Pius XII appointed the Most Rev. Stephen S. Woznicki as head of the diocese on March 28, 1950.

In 1958 death ended the long reign of Pope Pius XII and the cardinals of the Church elected Angelo Giuseppi Roncalli as Supreme Pontiff. During his reign, Pope John XXIII inaugurated the Second Vatican Council and lived to see its first session completed.

Pope John died in May, 1963.

Giovanni Batista Cardinal Montini was the fourth Pope to be elected head of the world's 500-million Catholics during the 25-year history of the diocese of Saginaw.

Pope Pius XII

His Holiness Pope John XXIII

A Letter From Pope John—

'By Speech and Example You Have Encouraged Increase in True Piety'

To Our Venerable Brother, Stephen Woznicki, Bishop of Saginaw:

AMID MANIFESTATIONS of the filial joy of the clergy and faithful of the Diocese of Saginaw, you will soon mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of your elevation to the dignity of the episcopate.

We do not wish to be apart from these glad and festive celebrations; but rather, present in spirit, We seek to increase the joy of them as through this letter We extend to you, Venerable Brother, the full expression of Our good will. And to these good wishes We join Our congratulations for We are fully aware of that diligence and zeal with which you have met and continue to carry out your pastoral responsibilities.

As the second bishop of Saginaw you have, among other accomplishments, worked vigorously so that this new diocese, flowering with promise, be provided with a suitable ecclesiastical structure and organization. You are worthy of praise especially because you have founded a minor seminary and established many new parishes. You have shown special concern for vocations among young people, and by speech and example you have encouraged a solid increase in true piety.

May God's blessings be upon you! And relying upon the heavenly grace whereby things unknown became clear to the faithful heart, and once known become perfected by holy love, press on for the increase of holy religion with that firm constancy which age does not destroy nor adversity diminish.

And may charity be your protector and guide. "He has always whence to give who has a heart full piety" (St. Augustine, Sermon on Psalm 36, 11:13).

So that the anniversary of your episcopate may be of greater benefit, We grant you the faculty that, on whatsoever day you wish and after announcing a plenary indulgence, you may bless the faithful in Our name and by Our authority.

Finally, Venerable Brother, naught remains for Us save that with a willing and eager heart We impart to you and to all the flock entrusted to your care the Apostolic Benediction.

From the Vatican Palace, January 10, 1963, the fifth of Our Pontificate.

℣ JOHN XXIII

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THE ABOVE TELEGRAM was sent by Cardinal Cicognani to Bishop Woznicki on July 6, 1963, on behalf of Pope Paul VI.

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25 Years of Catholic Life and Progress in the Diocese of Saginaw

By Fr. Neil O'Connor
(Editor, The Catholic Weekly Newspapers for the dioceses of Lansing and Saginaw)

THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY today is publishing a special historical edition covering the 25 years of the diocese of Saginaw, with special emphasis placed upon the history of the last eleven years. In 1952 the Catholic Weekly published a history of the Catholic life of the area now comprising the diocese of Saginaw, the 16 counties of Northeastern Michigan.

We are marking a double celebration since this occasion also marks the 25th anniversary of the Consecration of the Most Reverend Stephen S. Woznicki, D.D., the present Bishop of Saginaw.

We urge you to read the many stories in this edition covering the life of the parishes and missions which make up the diocese, besides the articles which take up the work of special departments and organizations of the diocese.

Fr. Neil O'Connor

We have made a special effort to pay tribute to the work of the two Bishops of the diocese of Saginaw, Bishop Murphy and Bishop Woznicki, along with the proper emphasis placed on the work of the pastors, assistants, sisters, religious and laity, who make up the life of the Church and its daily activities.

We call your attention especially to the four-color picture of our beloved Bishop on the front page of this tabloid historical section and the picture of our new Saint Paul Seminary on the back cover.

The Catholic Weekly is proud to be part of this great celebration and wishes to thank the pastors and others who have helped to make this edition possible. A special salute goes to the many advertisers without whose support we could not undertake to publish an edition of this size.

THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY has constantly served the diocese of Saginaw since it was established in March of 1942. It has always considered itself to be a servant of the Bishop and priests and people of the diocese, and has gone all out in every undertaking which has built up the life of the diocese. A good example of this was our year long promotion of the publicity for the Saint Paul Seminary.

The Catholic Weekly has striven to be a source of unity for the diocese and has always stood ready to serve the people not only in the ordinary way of bringing the most and the latest news of the national and international scene, as it affects Catholic citizens and members of the Church, but also with consistent, profound loyalty to the work of the Bishop and the priests of the diocese.

The diocese has grown from 1938, when it was established by Pope Pius XI, from a population of about 100,000 Catholics to its present population of approximately 160,000.

Great credit for the foundations of the new diocese has been consistently paid to the pioneer work of Bishop Murphy and the priests who helped organize the diocese. Further credit is certainly due our present Bishop with his program, since 1950, of developing the school system and his direction of the great building program which has taken place since that time. The climax of that building program of course, is his construction of the St. Paul Seminary.

THE DIOCESE OF SAGINAW lacks priests as much as any diocese in the country. The foundation of the Seminary with the enthusiastic cooperation of the clergy and the people has laid the foundations for the future of the diocese of Saginaw in its education and development of the young students toward the sacred priesthood.

This part of the State used to be under the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and is now part of the Archdiocese of Detroit. In 1938 Pope Pius XI established it as a separate diocese and the intense work of deepening the life of the Church began. The future holds a great prospect for the 16 counties that make up the diocese because of the rapidly expanding population in this area.

The diocese has lived under four Popes, Pope Pius XI, Pope Pius XII, Pope John XXIII, and Pope Paul VI.

May the occasion of this celebration inspire many young men to join the priesthood and brotherhood, and young women to become sisters. We need more and more young people who will give their strength to the Church. We are simply not meeting our obligations or our quota in the work of the unfolding of the Church in Saginaw and of the plan of God. This is due a great deal to the spirit of the times.

But the challenge of the Church in every century has been to overcome this very spirit of the world and to dedicate oneself to carry on the work of the Church in a special way in the priesthood or the religious life. May it inspire also the laity to realize that they are the Church.

State Bishops Salute 25th Jubilees

May 7, 1963

ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT
1234 Washington Boulevard
Detroit 26, Michigan

His Excellency
The Most Rev. Stephen S. Woznicki, D.D.
Bishop of Saginaw
124 N. Hamilton Street, P.O. Box 368
Saginaw, Michigan

Your Excellency:

Very fittingly you have arranged to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese of Saginaw and the silver anniversary of your consecration as a bishop. Each is an event that deserves to be recalled with gratitude.

It is with particular pleasure that I offer to you my sincere congratulations on this happy occasion. Surely the wisdom of the Holy See in founding the Diocese of Saginaw has been vindicated time and time again over these years. New parishes have been established, new institutions founded, and all this accompanied by a notable increase in the number of the clergy and the laity of the diocese. And, of course, among the great glories of this time must be counted the establishment of St. Paul's Seminary, a tribute to you no less than to your clergy, religious and faithful.

While I plan to be with you on the jubilee of this happy occasion, I welcome this opportunity of expressing to you, to your priests, religious and laity my cordial congratulations. My prayers will be joined with yours in thanking God for the blessings of these years.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

✠John F. Dearden
Archbishop of Detroit

April 29, 1963

THE DIOCESE OF LANSING
215 Seymour Avenue
Lansing 33, Michigan

Most Rev. Stephen S. Woznicki, D.D.
Bishop of Saginaw
124 N. Hamilton Street
Saginaw, Michigan

Dear Bishop Woznicki:

In the name of the Diocese of Lansing, and in my own name, I offer you sincere congratulations on the twenty-fifth Anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese of Saginaw and on your own Silver Jubilee of Consecration.

In twenty-five years much has been accomplished for souls in your jurisdiction. The solid foundations laid by our mutual friend, the late Bishop William Murphy, much beloved and admired by everyone, and built upon by you resulted in a deepening of the Faith and spreading of the Kingdom of God in northeastern Michigan. The physical expansion of the Diocese through the erection of new parishes, schools, rectories, and convents is crowned by the completion of St. Paul Preparatory Seminary, the nursery of many vocations to the priesthood for generations to come.

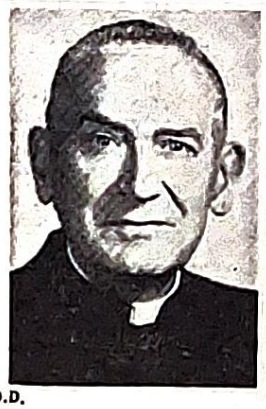
The valuable assistance you rendered our late Cardinal Mooney and the clergy, sisters and laity in Saginaw will always be a refreshing memory to your host of friends.

May God continue to bless you and grant you many more years as the Good Shepherd of Saginaw.

Sincerely and devotedly yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph H. Albers
Bishop of Lansing

April 30, 1963



BISHOP'S RESIDENCE
300 Rock Street
Marquette, Michigan

Most Reverend Stephen S. Woznicki, D.D.
Bishop of Saginaw
Saginaw, Michigan

Dear Bishop Woznicki:

I have your notice and invitation for attendance at the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Saginaw.

Since I was a priest in the Diocese of Grand Rapids at the time that the Diocese of Saginaw was separated from Grand Rapids, I have been quite close to the situation. Moreover, very many of the priests now serving in the Diocese of Saginaw were students at St. Joseph's Seminary in Grand Rapids.

The story of the beginning of the Diocese of Saginaw and its very rapid development during these first years has been a remarkable one. Certainly, it is one of which you must be justly proud because your hand and direction was there. At the top of the list of accomplishments, of course, is St. Paul's Seminary.

Connected with this celebration will be the special personal tribute due to you on the occasion of your own Episcopal anniversary.

To my sincerest congratulations and good wishes, I add prayers for continued success and growth.

With kind wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Thomas L. Noa, D.D.
Bishop of Marquette

May 10, 1963

BISHOP'S RESIDENCE
2006 Lake Drive, S.E.
East Grand Rapids 6, Michigan

Most Rev. Stephen S. Woznicki, D.D.
1555 South Washington Avenue
Saginaw, Michigan

Your Excellency:

It is with sincerity that I address to you, to your priests, and to the faithful of the Diocese of Saginaw my prayerful felicitations on the 25th Anniversary of your Consecration and on the 25th Anniversary of the Diocese of Saginaw.

The establishment of the Diocese of Saginaw has meant a great deal to the Church in the districts of Central-Eastern, North-Eastern and the Thumb of Michigan. The great progress of the Church in the Diocese of Saginaw is truly manifested in the willingness of the priests and faithful of the Diocese, under your leadership, to erect and maintain the newly constructed Diocesan Preparatory Seminary.

Congratulations to all on this dual Anniversary.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Allen J. Babcock, D.D.
Bishop of Grand Rapids

'The Formative Years of a Diocese'

Most Rev. Stephen S. Woznicki
Bishop of Saginaw

VENERABLE BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND DEARLY BELOVED OF THE LAITY:

While twenty-five years in the life of a diocese does not compare with twenty-five years in the life of a person, it can nevertheless gain in importance from the fact that these years were the difficult formative years of a new diocese. For the Diocese of Saginaw these formative years were not based upon a solid foundation.

At the time, the people were just recovering from the greatest depression in the history of our country and soon they were about to be plunged again into the Second World War. These were not the most auspicious times to develop a new diocese.

Yet, Our predecessor of happy memory did not lose heart. With his natural brilliance and unusual capacity for work and organization he began to lay the foundations of this diocese and in thirteen years he succeeded in pouring its solid footings, strong enough to support any size structure. He organized the various activities necessary in any diocese with the greatest of care and intelligence, so that they could be followed and expanded with comparative ease.

When in 1950 the Vicar of Christ chose Us to carry on this work, so gloriously commenced, We found the going much easier, though trying at times, and We began to coordinate the work and expand it according to necessity and previously laid plans. The work, however, was not without its handicaps, the biggest of which was the continued lack of priests. Today, even here, We see a much better future in which We have hope, based mainly upon our St. Paul Seminary.

Thanking God for His many blessings in the quarter century of existence, We want to stress, above all, the wonderful cooperation We have received from the laity and the clergy alike of this diocese. Without it there would have been no progress.

Lastly, in all due fairness, We want to emphasize the loyal and outstanding support given Us by the older clergy who have labored beyond the usually accepted age limits to keep the diocese going and who have accomplished unexpected deeds that heretofore supposedly belonged only to the domain of the younger priests.

Therefore, celebrating this Silver Jubilee of our diocese, let us follow the advice of the preface in the Mass: Gratias agamus Domino Deo Nostro! We have much to be thankful for.

†Stephen S. Woznicki

Bishop of Saginaw

APOSTOLIC DELEGATION
United States of America
3339 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington 8, D. C.

July 15, 1963

The Most Reverend
Stephen S. Woznicki, D.D.
Bishop of Saginaw
Saginaw, Michigan

Your Excellency:

It is a very great pleasure for me to extend to you my heartiest congratulations and prayerful best wishes at this time when the Silver Jubilee of your Consecration as Bishop coincides with that of the Silver Jubilee of your Diocese.

This is indeed a memorable and a significant occasion. Much has been accomplished during these past years, during which you the Shepherd of the Diocese, the clergy, religious, and apostolic laity have given themselves wholeheartedly to the propagation of the faith and the salvation of souls.

It is indeed fitting that the observance of your Silver Jubilee should be celebrated at this time. Statistics relative to the continued growth of the Diocese of Saginaw are impressive. You have labored diligently for the honor, glory and service of Almighty God. This is clearly evidenced by your apostolic influence and the esteem in which you are held by all.

I know, therefore, that this twofold anniversary will be replete with special blessings from on high, and it is while conscious of this that I join Your Excellency in offering thanks in humility to Almighty God for this manifold graces and countless blessings of the past, and a prayer in confidence that the future will be marked with particular benediction.

With renewed felicitations and sentiments of esteem, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,
✠Archbishop E. Vagnozzi
Apostolic Delegate

STATE OF MICHIGAN
Office of the Governor
Lansing

His Excellency
The Most Reverend
Stephen S. Woznicki
Bishop of Saginaw
Chancery office
Saginaw, Michigan

Your Excellency:

On the dual observance of the silver jubilee of the establishment of the Diocese of Saginaw and of your own episcopal consecration, I extend to you, your priests and people, my sincere congratulations.

Since its creation by Pope Pius XI on February 24, 1938, the Diocese of Saginaw has shown great spiritual and material progress as evidenced in its multiplication of churches and schools.

Your inspiring leadership is evident in the construction of St. Paul Seminary and Queen of Angels Retreat in Saginaw since your appointment to head the diocese in 1950. And the many schools and churches built both before and since that date in the 16 counties of the diocese stand as memorials to the forward-looking approach of both you and your predecessor, Most Reverend William Murphy.

Best regards.

Sincerely,
George Romney,
Governor

The Heart of the Diocese!

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St. Paul's--Key Project of the First Quarter Century

By Fr. Kenneth J. Povish
(Vice-Rector, St. Paul Seminary)

SINCE THE establishment of the Diocese of Saginaw in the spring of 1938, the education of seminarians has been a major concern of our two bishops and has received generous and constant support from our people.

The founding and building of the St. Paul Seminary, high light of the 25-year history of the diocese, was the full flowering of the zeal of bishops, clergy, and faithful determined to provide priests for future service to the Church of Saginaw.

The history of our diocesan seminary, therefore, really begins with the inauguration of the Annual May Collection for the Education of the Seminarians by Bishop William F. Murphy in 1939.

With it, the door-to-door solicitations in the parishes and the annual printed report listing the names of all contributors of one dollar or more became a regular feature of diocesan life.

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Vocations Mount

THE FIRST seminary collections brought in $12,595, a sum considerably in excess of what was needed in 1939. Five years later the collection had doubled; when the diocese was ten years old it had more than tripled; and by 1953 the May collection was almost four times the amount originally collected.

Healthy balances every year, even with an increased number of major seminarians, enabled the diocese to finance its share of the cost of the Michigan theological seminary at Plymouth with ease.

As St. John's Provincial Seminary opened in the fall of 1949, facilities for training priests for Saginaw appeared adequate.

St. Joseph's Seminary at Grand Rapids and Sacred Heart Seminary at Detroit, both of which Saginaw diocesan parishes had helped to build years before, provided the minor seminary preparation for most of our candidates for the priesthood; the new seminary at Plymouth would take care of major seminary needs for years to come.

A minor seminary for our own diocese was far beyond the fondest dreams of Bishop Murphy and also of Bishop Stephen S. Woznicki, who succeeded as second Bishop of Saginaw in 1950.

During these years following World War II the Lord God was favoring the diocese with an ever increasing number of vocations to meet the needs of a growing Church. This was true of the other Michigan dioceses also, and it became increasingly difficult to arrange minor seminary placement for all the boys applying.

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Crisis in 1955

A CRISIS WAS reached in 1955 when Cardinal Mooney of Detroit and Bishop Babcock of Grand Rapids advised Bishop Woznicki that, due to increased enrollments in their own dioceses, only two Saginaw students could be accepted each year by Sacred Heart Seminary and only ten per year by St. Joseph's.

Similar limitations were being placed by out-of-state minor seminaries; and Bishop Woznicki, with some misgivings, appointed a survey committee on May 7, 1956.

The committee, composed of fifteen priests and six laymen, was "to make a survey and a comprehensive study of the necessity, advisability, possibility, and feasibility of erecting a minor seminary for the Diocese of Saginaw."

The Survey Committee held numerous meetings and conducted a vast correspondence with other dioceses throughout the summer of 1956. Its findings, a 36-page report, were submitted to the bishop, consultors, and deans and showed that a minor seminary for the diocese was both necessary and possible.

On Oct. 2, 1956, the bishop's advisers voted to establish a six-year boarding school for the high school and junior college years.

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'Committee of 100'

A RAPID SERIES of events in the fall and winter of 1956-57 began to implement the biggest decision ever taken by the junior diocese of Michigan.

On Nov. 17 the co-chairmen of the fund-raising campaign were named. Msgr. Eugene A. Forbes, chancellor of the diocese and then pastor of Zilwaukee St. Matthew parish, and Walter S. Guernsey, active layman from Bay City St. Boniface parish, began mobilizing the resources of the diocese in behalf of the proposed seminary.

They headed the famous "Committee of 100" drawn from the ranks of the clergy and laity of all four deaneries. The success of the campaign of the following spring was due in large measure to the effective work of this committee.

Also in November of 1956, the diocese retained Joseph C. Goddeyne, Bay City architect, to design the new school to accommodate 192 students.

On Dec. 13, 1956, an ideal campus of 53 acres was purchased in Saginaw Township from John, Frank, and Margaret Mueller.

The official founding and incorporation of the seminary took place on the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, Jan. 25, 1957. The name adopted on that date was, "The St. Paul Seminary of Saginaw."

The choice of the name reflected Bishop Woznicki's admiration for the life and writings of the Apostle of the Gentiles as well as the fact that the bishop had studied at St. Paul Seminary in Minnesota and was consecrated on Jan. 25, 1938.

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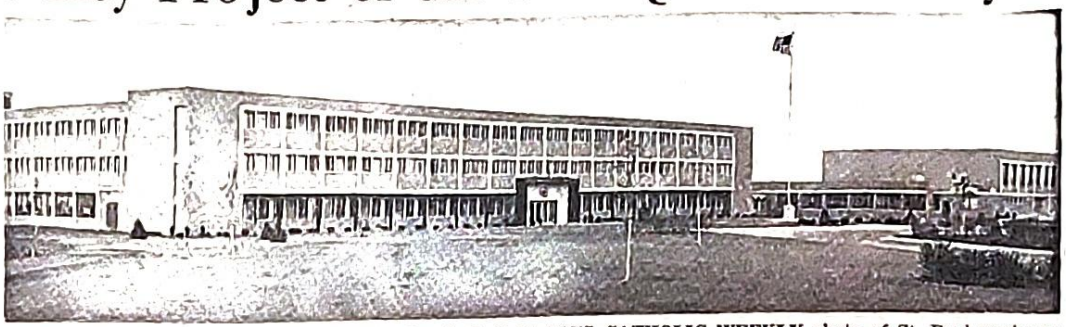
Rector Appointed

APPOINTED SOON after incorporation was a building committee of 25 priests, laymen, and laywomen.

Headed by Msgr. C. T. Skowronski, Bay City St. Hyacinth pastor, the committee worked with the architect in planning the three-unit complex that was to rise on Wieneke Road at Weiss Road west of Saginaw.

The final step in the organization process was the appointment of Father James A. Hickey as rector of St. Paul Seminary on March 21, 1957. Besides working with the building committee and the architect, Father Hickey began at once to assemble a faculty.



THIS CATHOLIC WEEKLY photo of St. Paul seminary was reprinted in scores of papers throughout the diocese prior to its dedication on June 29, 1961.

Eight priests of the diocese were selected to form the first faculty; they began monthly meetings in the fall of 1957 to plan details of the seminary program. With the opening date set for September, 1960, several of the eight were released from parish duties to prepare themselves for their work by advanced study at various colleges and universities.

The first faculty numbered, in addition to Father Hickey, Fathers Olin J. Murdick, Floyd J. Weina, Kenneth J. Povish, Charles H. O'Neil, Leo R. Lynch, Peter M. Robertson (died Nov. 15, 1962), and and Richard E. Cross.

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Memorable 10 Weeks

THE SPRING of 1957, when the seminary campaign reached its height, was perhaps the most memorable ten weeks in the 25-year history of the Saginaw diocese.

Led by the tireless Bishop Woznicki and the co-chairmen and Committee of 100, a full-scale propaganda campaign was carried on.

Hundreds of campaign workers were recruited and trained by the clergy on the parish level. Hundreds of thousands of pieces of campaign literature were printed and distributed.

Without the aid of professional promoters, the speakers' bureaus, clergy meetings, deanery rallies, student contests, newspaper advertising, prayer services, and a pulpit exchange carried the message to the public at a high level of efficiency.

The solicitation of pledges took place in every parish between May 12 and 31. The pledge base was $100 per wage earner payable in three years; and when all pledges were reported the total was upwards of $3,600,000, more than a million dollars above the goal of the campaign.

The economic recession of 1958 eventually wiped out the extra million dollars and caused postponement of the construction of the permanent chapel of the seminary. However, the substantial success of the drive was a brilliant tribute to the faith and generosity of the people of the diocese.

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Construction Begins

CONTRACTS FOR building and furnishings were awarded in June of 1958 to the following firms:

Consolidated Construction Co.,

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25 YEARS

We congratulate Bishop Stephen S. Woznicki, the priests, and the people of his diocese on their many great accomplishments during the past twenty-five years.

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"A FRIEND"

Bishop Woznicki Has Compiled Long List of Achievements During 13 Years

THE MOST REVEREND STEPHEN S. WOZNICKI was born on August 7, 1894, in Miners Mills, Pennsylvania. His parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Woznicki. Bishop Woznicki is the oldest in a family of ten children.

The Bishop received his primary education in SS. Peter and Paul parochial and the public school of Plains, Pennsylvania.

He received his high school and college training at SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary, Orchard Lake, Michigan, and completed his theology at St. Paul's Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Bishop Woznicki was ordained at St. Paul Cathedral, St. Paul, Minnesota, by the Most Reverend James Trobec, former bishop of St. Cloud, for the Diocese of Detroit. He returned to the Diocese of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, where he served for 13 months as an assistant in St. Joseph Parish, Danville, Pennsylvania.

Bishop Woznicki returned to Detroit on March 1, 1910, to become Secretary to Bishop Gallagher and served in this capacity for 18 years.

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Made Monsignor

BISHOP WOZNICKI was made a Monsignor at a formal investitute ceremony on May 20, 1926, in St. Hyacinth's Church, Detroit, Michigan. He was only thirty-one years old at the time this Papal honor was bestowed upon him.

On January 1, 1937, he was appointed as pastor of St. Hyacinth's Parish, Detroit, Michigan, by the Most Reverend Michael Gallagher, D.D., Bishop of Detroit. Bishop Woznicki served as pastor of St. Hyacinth's, Detroit, for 13 years.

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Consecrated Bishop

BISHOP WOZNICKI was consecrated as Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit and as Titular Bishop of Pelte by His Eminence, Edward Cardinal Mooney, on January 25, 1938. The Most Reverend Joseph H. Albers of Lansing and the late Most Reverend William J. Hafey of Scranton, Pennsylvania, were co-consecrators.

The Bishop was appointed by Cardinal Mooney as his Vicar General shortly after his Consecration. He held this title until his transferal to Saginaw in 1950.

Bishop Woznicki was installed as Bishop of Saginaw on May 25, 1950, by His Eminence, Edward Cardinal Mooney, at St. Mary Cathedral, Saginaw, Michigan.

Since coming to the Diocese of Saginaw thirteen years ago, Bishop Woznicki has compiled a long list of achievements. A total of 20 parishes have been established, five new missions have been erected and 35 new churches were built.

In order to advance Catholic Education, His Excellency has encouraged and permitted the parishes to build 30 new schools, both grade and high. In addition to this some 17 existing schools underwent extensive improvements and additions during Bishop Woznicki's years as Bishop of Saginaw.

Along with these accomplishments can be listed nine parish halls and three school gymnasiums, 22 new rectories and 24 new convents that were built in the last 13 years in the Diocese of Saginaw.

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Ordained 50 Priests

SINCE Bishop Woznicki became the second Bishop of Saginaw in 1950, he has ordained 50 diocesan priests. This figure represents more than one-third of the active diocesan clergy at the present time.

During the tenure of Bishop Woznicki the Capuchin Fathers were brought into the Diocese to open a large Retreat House that serves the spiritual needs of the Diocese. The Benedictine Fathers were also welcomed to the Diocese by Bishop Woznicki.

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Established Seminary

THE HIGHLIGHT of the achievements of His Excellency was the establishment of The St. Paul Seminary in Saginaw. This Seminary was opened in the fall of 1960 as a Minor Seminary to serve the Diocese of Sagisaw. It was built at a cost of almost $1,000,000 and is equipped to care for the needs of 290 seminarians.

His Excellency is constantly alert to the spread of the Gospel within his Diocese. It was his zeal that has produced such an active Confraternity of Christian Doctrine within his Diocese. Within the last several years this CCD program has sponsored courses for lay catechists to teach in the various parishes.

This year alone over 80 received diplomas stating that they had successfully completed a two-year course in Christian Doctrine and pedagogy that enables them to help their pastor in the teaching of catechism in their parishes.

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Aids Church in Poland

BISHOP WOZNICKI'S concern for religion is not limited to the confines of his Diocese. He takes a world-view of what is best for the cause of the Church. Since the end of the Second War he has given much of his time and talents in aiding the Church in Poland.

He has also been convinced of the good of the program of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference and has devoted many years to its interests, two of them in the capacity of its president.

Bishop Woznicki is noted for his devotion to his priests and is always available for consultation or pastoral advice to any of them.

He has a vast knowledge of the condition of all the parishes under his jurisdiction. This has been acquired through his constant visitation and inspection that he does personally throughout his diocese.

He takes every opportunity to address all gatherings of priests or laity within the confines of his territory. His Excellency makes it a point to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation in all the parishes of his diocese every two years.

BISHOP WOZNICKI as a young priest.

FAMILY REUNION—Bishop Woznicki is one of 10 children of the late Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Woznicki of Wilkes Barre, Pa. Bishop Woznicki, his brothers, and sisters are pictured above at a family reunion at his 1938 consecration.

BISHOP, THEN MONSIGNOR, WOZNICKI is seated with the late Bishop Gallagher of Detroit in a picture taken during the celebration of Bishop Gallagher's 40th anniversary of consecration as a priest in 1933. Standing immediately behind them are the late Bishop Murphy and Bishop Plagens.

Well Loved

THE BISHOP is well loved by all of his clergy largely because of his open and frank request of their help in making decisions. He treats all of his clergy alike never showing any preference or distinction. It is because of these characteristics that His Excellency is so well loved both by his priests and by the laity.

It will be a great pleasure for the Diocese of Saginaw to honor him this summer when we celebrate the joint anniversaries of His Excellency and of the founding of our Diocese.

On August 20, 1963, His Excellency will celebrate a Solemn Pontifical High Mass in his Cathedral Church to mark his 25th anniversary as a Bishop and the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese of Saginaw.

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Looking Ahead

BISHOP WOZNICKI might well look back with satisfaction on progress made under his direction — St. Paul seminary, Queen of Angels Retreat, St. Francis Home, the myriad of Church buildings which have sprung up all over the diocese.

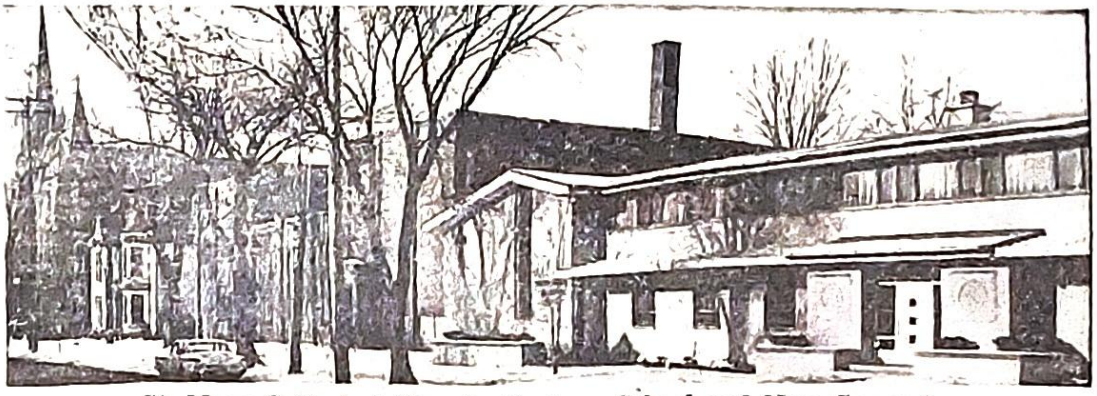
But still he looks ahead — and one of his main goals remains the building of a chapel to mark completion of his beloved St. Paul seminary.

BISHOP OF SAGINAW — Bishop Woznicki receives the crozier or staff of office from the late Edward Cardinal Mooney in Saginaw St. Mary Cathedral.

Wilderness Mission to a Cathedral in a Metropolis—

Cathedral Parish of the Diocese

By Msgr. Eugene A. Forbes



St. Mary Cathedral Church, Rectory, School and New Convent

THE FIRST SCHOOL in the Diocese of Saginaw, the third church in the Diocese and the third resident pastor in the Saginaw Valley—these are some of the contributions which St. Mary's Cathedral has made to the Catholic life of Saginaw and vicinity.

In reverse order, the pastor in question was Holland-born Father Francis van der Bom, who took charge of St. Mary's in September, 1866.

The original church building was erected on the parish site in 1853.

The first school in the Diocese? On June 19, 1865, a land contract was executed between Jesse and Helen M. Hoyt and Mr. J. R. Taylor, chairman of a committee of five appointed by the "Catholic Female Seminary," for the sale of Lots 3 and 7, Block 74, Hoyt's Addition to the City of East Saginaw (where the church sanctuary and Rectory parking lot are now located).

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Story of Transition

SOMEONE ONCE remarked about St. Mary's: "Here is a history of fabulous growth. . .from a mission in the wilderness to a Cathedral in a growing metropolis."

This is the story of that transition.

A population explosion really took place at East Saginaw when Alfred M. Hoyt had his original "Hoyt Plat" surveyed on Dec. 12, 1850, at a point on the river bank which the Indians called "tic-wa-ba-ka-ning"—"the Butternut Place."

French from Lower Canada, Irish and Scotch immigrants, Eastern speculators and a great number of assorted others—all came seeking a livelihood from the suddenly booming lumber industry in this part of Michigan.

The following cold figures tell a warm story of the rapid population growth of the East Saginaw community: 1850—251: 1858—2,500; 1860—3,237; 1866—8,000; 1868—14,000; 1874—17,080.

You can see that little East Saginaw got big too fast.

But the zealous missionary priests of the Church quickly followed her children to their settlement newly being carved out of Michigan's forests.

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Fr. Schutjes' Role

ST. MARY'S owes its existence to Father Henry J. H. Schutjes, pastor of Bay City St. Joseph's and first resident priest of the Valley, who arrived in 1852.

Tradition has it that Father Schutjes celebrated his first Mass in East Saginaw in a home located at the Northeast corner of Washington and Emerson Streets.

While living across the river in Saginaw City, now the West Side (he moved to Bay City in 1855), Father Schutjes organized St. Mary's with the building in 1853 of a "small mission" church on the present property at the corner of Wells (Owen) and Hoyt Streets. The Church was dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary under the title of her Assumption into Heaven.

His records at Bay City St. Joseph's show that on Oct. 16, 1853, Father Schutjes baptized Joanna Harit, child of Protestant parents. Her sponsors were James and Abigail Jane Deering, and the child's home is given as East Saginaw.

The rapid growth of the new settlement is further reflected in the fact that, of the 24 Baptisms administered by Father Schutjes in 1854, eight were for East Saginaw children. In 1855 the proportion was 11 out of 35, and in 1856 it was 15 out of 61.

Msgr. Eugene A. Forbes
Present Pastor

In 1853, two of the three marriages Father Schutjes performed were for East Saginaw couples .On Oct. 17 that year he married Patrick Gilmur and Anna Piras; and on Nov. 9 he joined Michael Sheridan and Margaret Gilmur, Patrick's sister. All, parties and witnesses, were from East Saginaw.

As might be expected, finances were a big headache for the small mission parish.

The 1861 financial report sent to the Detroit Chancery was not signed, but its unmistakable penmanship belonged to the hand of Father Schutjes. Total income that year was $304.91.

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New Church Built

TO RELIEVE Father Schutjes, who was by now deeply engrossed in his work at Bay City, Bishop Lefevre sent Father Reinurus Van Der Heyden into the two Saginaws late in 1861 to take charge of St. Andrew's on the West Side, and, in 1863, of St. Mary's on the East Side of the Saginaw river.

The East Saginaw congregation was becoming too large to be accommodated in its tiny mission church, so the people appealed to their bishop for permission to build a new church.

On April 10, 1863, Bishop Lefevre sent a letter to Michael Jeffers, Esq., telling him that "it is inadvisable in these uncertain times to build a new church, and no mortgage could be permitted—it's against the laws of the Church."

But with added pressures, the good Bishop relented and permitted Father Van Der Heyden to proceed with the building of a new wooden church capable of holding 600 people. It was joyfully dedicated on Christmas Day, 1863.

The altar for the church was made in Detroit and brought to Saginaw on the sidewheel steamer "Forest Queen" of the Ward Line. The church not being ready to receive it, the altar was stored in the home of Andrew Murray at the corner of Millard and Genesee streets. When the church was ready, the altar was removed to the church and remained in use until 1941 when the present church was redecorated.

The church cost is indicated in the 1863 financial report which Father Van Der Heyden mailed to the Detroit Chancery. The regular Sunday income that year is given as $162.37, and building fund revenue for the church as $3,541.00. The indebtedness on the structure is listed as $980.00. The next year the income was $1,783.51, leaving as debt the remarkably small sum of $150.64.

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School Started

TO MAKE ROOM for the new Church, it became necessary to remove the old mission church building to another location. An adjacent site was provided for it through the generosity of Curtis Emerson who, on Sept. 8, 1862, donated a triangular parcel of land on Hoyt ave. at the head of Howard st. (His "Emerson's Addition," the Hoyt Plat, and Ginsby, Gallagher and Little's Addition all converge in present parish holdings.)

With the old mission church building now available, it occurred to Father Van Der Heyden and his East Saginaw flock that a school should be started for the religious education of the parish youth.

Since at the moment only the women of the parish could be had as teachers, the school was organized as the "Catholic Female Seminary" under the supervision of Mr. J. R. Taylor and a committee of parishioners.

As was mentioned already at the beginning of this article, the committee negotiated a land contract with the Hoyts on June 19, 1865, for the purchase of property lying in back of the Emerson donation. This empty land served as playground space for the newly established "seminary."

Seventeen days later, the Hoyts deeded the playground to the parish for the sum of $250.00.

The date of June 19, 1865, then, marks the formal beginning of this parish girls' school which was the first Catholic educational institution in the now Diocese of Saginaw.

On Jan. 9, 1866, Father Van Der Heyden received permission from his Bishop to draw $1,000.00 from the First National Bank of East Saginaw "for the Catholic school in that place."

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Lay Volunteers Replaced

FOR TWO YEARS the school was taught by women who volunteered their services to the full-time instruction of the girls and to the part-time catechism instruction of the boys of the parish.

Finally, on Sept. 2, 1868, at the urgent request of the then pastor, Father van der Bom, three Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary arrived in East Saginaw from their Monroe, Mich., motherhouse to staff the two room parish school in which the Sisters thenceforth taught both boys and girls. It opened with an enrollment of 150 students.

A four room house located some four blocks from the school served as the first convent. A fourth Sister and more classroom space were provided the second year. In May, 1870, a house next to the school became the convent.

If ever a church needed a resident pastor, St. Mary's did in the middle 1860s.

In anticipation of that long-ed-for reality, Father Van Der Heyden began to get a rectory ready. His 1866 report to his Bishop gives the regular annual income as $355.88, with an added entry of $2,970.45 which is earmarked "for house." It is likely that this house was to become eventually the first rectory.

Because the overwhelming demands of the ministry in both Saginaws were too much for one man, Bishop Lefevre permitted Father Van Der Heyden to devote his energies to the upbuilding of St. Andrew's parish and gave charge of St. Mary's mission to Father Francis Xavier Theodore Aloysius van der Bom.

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A Welcome Addition

This priest, one of a number of Dutch missionaries who answered Bishop Lefevre's urgent appeal for help to bring the Gospel to his growing diocese, took up residence in his parish in September, 1866. He became the third resident pastor of the Valley area, following the lead of Father Schutjes in Bay City and Father Van Der Heyden in West Saginaw.

Father van der Bom was the fifth resident pastor in the present Saginaw diocesan territory. Father Peter Kluck antedated him in the Huron County area in 1858. Father Patrick Bernard Murray came to stay in Alpena in May, 1866, four months before Father van der Bom's arrival in East Saginaw.

If ever a pastor was welcome to a parish, it was Father van der Bom.

At his arrival the town's population already numbered 8,000 persons with a high percentage of them Catholics.

In the first full year after his coming he baptized 169 infants (last year—1961—there were 150 baptisms in St. Mary's). The next year he baptized 197 children and 22 adults.

During his pasterate, the Church property was greatly improved by the establishment of a new rectory (1874) on Hoyt street, which is still in use to this day, and an addition was made to the parochial school.

Besides performing his pastoral duties, Father van der Bom was largely instrumental in the establishment of both St. Mary's Hospital and St. Vincent's home in the neighborhood of the parish site.

With the help of Doctor B. B. Ross, a leading physician of the city, the hospital was founded Aug. 22, 1874, in a private house on Washington Avenue (near the present Wickes Brothers plant).

The first wooden building on the present South Jefferson site was completed in 1875 and accommodated 90 patients.

The Sisters of Charity from

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Cathedral Assistants

Fr. Terrence D. Yule

Fr. Howard M. Brown

PARISHIONERS of Holy Rosary turned out en masse to mark the parish Diamond Jubilee on Sunday, Oct. 15, 1961.

Holy Rosary's 75th Jubilee in 1961, New High School Opened in 1955

SAGINAW—Among the oldest of the Catholic parishes in Saginaw and one that has grown from a very small beginning to a place high in the rank of Catholic institutions in the city and the diocese is the Queen of the Holy Rosary parish, the Mother parish of all the Catholic Poles in the Saginaw area.

The many accomplishments of this parish from the years 1952 to 1962 are marked signs of deep Faith and inspiring Love to continue the work of Christ's Redemption.

On July 29, 1951, Bishop Woznicki in the presence of clergy and laymen blessed and laid the cornerstone for the new Holy Rosary Church at the intersection of 13th and Annesley Streets.

Joseph C. Goddeyne of Bay City was the architect. The general contract was awarded to J. R. Heineman & Sons.

Cost of the new church was $362,000 with an additional $35,000 for pews, altars and other furnishings. The marble Communion rail, at a cost of $4,000, was donated by parishioners Mr. and Mrs. John Borowiak. Stations of the Cross cost $5,000. They were imported from Italy.

The first Solemn Mass in the new Holy Rosary Church was celebrated on March 15, 1953 by Father Clement Niedzwiecki, then pastor, assisted by Fr. Floyd Welna and Fr. Joseph Sommer, S.J.

On May 3, 1953, the church was dedicated by Bishop Woznicki. A dedication banquet took place later in the day at the Falcon Hall. General chairman for this happy event was Leo L. Lichon, assisted by Mrs. Joseph W. Breman.

In June of 1953 Fr. Niedzwiecki was appointed pastor of St. Stanislaus parish, Bay City. On June 24, 1953 Fr. Michael J. Kujawa from St. Mary's parish, Parisville, was canonically installed as pastor of Holy Rosary parish.

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High School Built

SHORTLY AFTER becoming pastor, Father Kujawa was granted permission by Bishop Woznicki to formulate plans with a building committee for a much-needed secondary school.

Frederick E. Wigen, architect, was engaged to design the plans. General contractor was Wobig Construction Co. The building was built on a four-block long, 7½-acre plot of ground at the foot of Annesley street on the east side of South 20th st.

Father Michael J. Kujawa
Present Pastor

This beautiful, modern structure at a cost of $300,000 has been designed so that additions may be added at either end.

On May 23, 1954, Father Kujawa broke ground for the high school admidst an anxious group of parishioners and school children. Laying of the corner-stone took place on Oct. 17, 1954. On Sept. 7, 1955, a dream became a reality as the high school students entered the new building.

This structure represented the sacrifices of the parishioners, the ideas of the pastor and the suggestions of the faculty.

Officiating at the dedication was Bishop Woznicki on Dec. 4, 1955. The sermon was delivered by Fr. Sigmund J. Haremski, a former student and parishioner.

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Parish Moves Ahead

IN 1959 THE school joined the list of accredited schools in Michigan. In September of 1960, because of Father Kujawa's keen interest in advanced education, Educational Television was promoted.

Today the parish boasts of two fine parking lots, a convent annex, and a custodian's home.

The old church building with many improvements and extensive remodeling has been converted into a fine gymnasium for the use of our students and for various activities of the parish. Improvements have been made, too, on many of the other buildings.

Among the outstanding accomplishments of Father Kujawa, we note the following:

In the grade school, new lighting and heating systems, new celotex ceilings, and modern desks were installed. Exteriorly, the grade school and the Sister's convent were renovated. An added modification was made in the area between the school and the convent — new sidewalks have substituted for the worn-out-by-use boards.

Among the tasks accomplished after the high school was built, was the procuring of thousands of loads of fill dirt for the high school athletic field with practically no cost to the parish.

Then, too, the new church was not complete.

Faulty drainage and sewers were remedied. Air conditioning and the public address system was revamped. Marlite in the Sanctuary at the Main Altar was completely removed and replaced. Leaks in the roof that caused so much damage to the interior beauty of the Church was solved by installing electrical heating coils on the roof and in the down spouts for proper drainage at no cost to the parish.

Fr. Norman L. Zielinski
Assistant Pastor

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Diamond Jubilee Marked

MANY MEN AND women who received their early education at Holy Rosary schools are today occupying responsible positions in various fields of activity.

Some have received religious vocations. At St. Paul Seminary, Saginaw, are James Zalba and David Klaczkiewicz. Studying for the Franciscan Brothers at Pulaski, Wis., are: Gregory Kersheske, Brother Philip; and Donald Maday, Brother Chester.

Since 1952, five girls have joined the Felician Sisters Junlorate: Jean Krukowski, Eileen Hirschenberger, Joan Czolgosz, Jacqueline Smokoska and Dawn Marie Rock.

On Sunday, Oct. 15, 1961, a high noon Solemn Mass of thanksgiving in the presence of Bishop Woznicki highlighted the Diamond Jubilee observance of Holy Rosary parish. Mass was followed at 2:30 p.m. by a jubilee banquet in the parish Gymnasium.

Celebrant at the noon Mass was Father John J. Moskal, pastor of St. Hyacinth parish, Fort Wayne, Ind. Assistant priest was Monsignor John J. Sonefeld, vicar general of the Saginaw diocese.

The sermon was delivered by former Holy Rosary pastor Father Niedzwiecki, now pastor of Bay City St. Stanislaus.

Other Mass officers were: assistant deacons—Father Francis Kozak, Saginaw St. Casimir pastor, and Father Francis Lukowicz, Saginaw St. Rita pastor; deacon — Colonel (Father) Alphonse B. Sliwinski, staff Chaplain, Barksdale Air Base, La.; subdeacon — Father Haremski, pastor of Standish St. Florian; masters of ceremonies — Father James F. Gavit, chancellor, and Father Virgil Gradowski, assistant chancellor; minor officers —senior altar boys.

Invocation at the afternoon banquet was given by Bishop Woznicki. Father Vernon J. Sierminski was toastmaster. The welcome was extended by Father Kujawa.

General chairman Leo M. Masica introduced guests. Entertainment was provided by the Holy Rosary Glee Club. Closing remarks by Bishop Woznicki stated that people have a duty to be aware of their home country.

The 75th Jubilee celebration brought out the true spirit of the parishioners. Joyfully they reviewed their past accomplishments together.

On Sept. 5, 1962 Father Norman L. Zielinski, formerly assistant at St. Stanislaus Bay City and newly elected Valley Parochial League president, replaced Father Vernon Sierminski as assistant at Holy Rosary.

St. Vincent de Paul Society—

Taunt of Scoffer Led to Founding

By Fernando J. Borey

STRANGE AS IT may seem it was the taunt of a scoffer that prompted the origin of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

In the year 1833 a French anti-religious leader named Fourier had made public statements in the city of Paris that Christianity was dead.

"Christianity has had its grandeur," said Fourier "but now the tree is dead. What are you Christians doing for humanity? Show us your works."

A brilliant young law student of the University of Paris, named Frederic Ozanam, took up the challenge. Gathering seven other students around him he organized a little association and called it a conference of charity.

These young men chose St. Vincent de Paul as their model and patron, and they took upon themselves the visitation and relief of the poor in the slums of the city. Thus they would prove that Christianity was still very much alive.

So edifying and successful was the work of this little group that other similar conferences were soon organized. The movement spread throughout Europe, and in time a permanent society was formed with rules approved by the Holy See.

The society has been enriched with many indulgences granted by the Sovereign Pontiffs. Pope Pius XII referred to it as "The greatest lay charitable organization in all the world."

THE FIRST American foundation of the society occurred on Nov. 20, 1845, when a conference was established in the Old Cathedral Parish of St. Louis, Missouri.

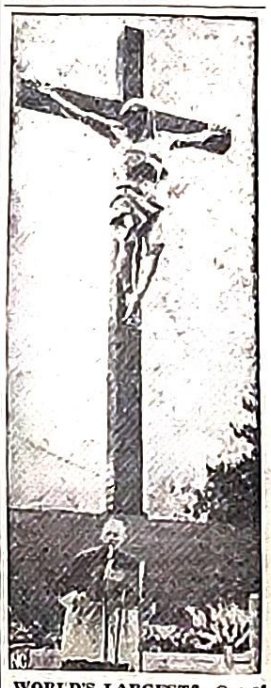
Committees to Aid Work of Religious

WASHINGTON, (NC) — Four new committees have been established by the Conference of Major Religious Superiors of Men to further its work, Father B. L. Wittenbrink, O.M.I., permanent secretary of the conference, announced here.

The new committees are in the fields of canon law, vocations, membership, and information service.

THEY ARE IN addition to the conference's already existing Latin American committee, which is headed by Brother Thomas More, C.F.X., of Baltimore, Xaverian Brothers Provincial, and which keeps conference members informed of opportunities for apostolic work in Latin America.

The Canon law committee is headed by Father James Richardson, C.M., Vincentian Provincial, of Los Angeles. It will offer advice to conference members on canon law problems relating to religious communities.



WORLD'S LARGEST? One of the largest crucifixes in the world is located in Michigan. It was built in 1959 at Indian River, Michigan, and stands 55-feet high. A four-ton bronze corpus has been affixed to the Crucifix.

Sacred Heart High School in Saginaw

Sacred Heart Parish Given Territorial Status in 1959

SAGINAW—On Feb. 15, 1874, with the encouragement of Father Van der Bom, pastor of St. Mary's, a group of German-speaking Catholics who had previously attended St. Mary's Church, met for the purpose of starting a parish of their own. A site at Cherry and Fifth streets was bought for $1,575.

Fr. Robert A. Keller
Present Pastor

In 1874 Bishop Borgess of Detroit appointed Father Hugo Praessar as pastor of the new parish. The congregation used St. Mary's Church until Sacred Heart Church was completed 10 months after the first meeting in St. Mary school.

Church services were held on the second floor of this new building until 1891. The ground floor was used as a school.

Father Praessar, on Sept 29, 1876, was succeeded by Father Joseph Reis who came to East Saginaw from Wyandotte. He furnished rooms in the south side of the school, built a small lean-to and made these quarters his home. In 1878 he built a rectory at the corner of Cherry and Fifth streets.

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For German Catholics

WHEN BISHOP Borgess sent Fr. Reis to Saginaw, he assigned to his pastoral care all the German Catholics in Saginaw County.

At this time Prussian and Austrian-Polish immigrants began to arrive in Saginaw. Being able to speak German, they affiliated with Sacred Heart parish.

By 1886, these staunch Catholics were able to build Holy Rosary Church, the mother parish of all the Catholic Poles in Saginaw.

On May 28, 1890, Bishop Richter granted Fr. Reis permission to excavate for a new church.

The cornerstone was laid by Bishop Richter June 14, 1891, and the First Mass was celebrated in the chapel on Sept. 27 of that year. The chapel served as the parish church until the superstructure was finished and completely furnished.

The church was under construction until 1908. On May 19th of that year, Bishop Richter consecrated the four bells. The church itself, was consecrated May 30, 1911, by Bishop Joseph Schrembs, Auxiliary of Grand Rapids. The altar stone of the main altar contains the relics of St. Faustus and St. Justin.

Sacred Heart Church is a classical example of the pure Gothic style of architecture, and, according to an art critic, the "Royal St. Mary's Church of Vienna in miniature."

Scenes from the life of Christ and likenesses of the four Evangelists are depicted in the beautiful stained glass windows. In the gable over the organ loft, is one of the largest and most beautiful rose windows in the state of Michigan.

Fr. Reis' health began to fail and Bishop Kelly transferred Fr. Joseph Henige from St. Mary's, Saginaw, to Sacred Heart on Aug. 1, 1918. Father Reis died on May 4, 1921.

Father Reis was succeeded by Father Aloysius Webler on Sept. 1, 1921. During his pastorate, he repaired the church steeples, remodeled the basement chapel and built an entrance to the priests' sacristy.

The convent was partly destroyed by fire in 1922 and a disastrous fire ruined much of the school in 1930. These losses were covered by insurance. On Oct. 29, 1931, Fr. Webeler retired to his private home in Bay City.

Father John Yeager was pastor of Sacred Heart Church from 1931 until 1945. He redecorated the church and installed an electric bell-ringing device to sound the Angelus three times a day.

In 1941, Father Yeager and his parishioners observed the Golden Jubilee of the laying of the cornerstone of Sacred Heart Church.

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School Built

IN 1945 Father Yeager resigned because of ill health.

Father Yeager was succeeded by Father Charles W. Burkhardt on April 26, 1945.

Since the number of applications for admittance to the school kept steadily increasing, it was decided to raise funds for a new school. But, before a new school could be built, the convent had to be enlarged. Work started in 1950 and was completed in March of the following year at a cost of $10,000. It provided five extra cells and a community room.

Meanwhile, the building fund grew. Several attempts to buy extra property failed. It gradually became evident if the parish were to have a much-needed new school, it would have to be built on the site of the old rectory.

Bishop Woznicki agreed it would be futile to wait any longer.

The old rectory was then torn down on June 17, 1951.

The school was completed the following year and dedication ceremonies were held in August, 1952. Bishop Woznicki officiated. In September, the new building was ready for use.

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First Graduation

SINCE A HIGH school had been started in 1949 with the permission of Bishop Murphy, all the rooms in the old school continued to be used. The first class was graduated from Sacred Heart High School in June, 1953.

This year's class (1963) was the 11th to be graduated. There are more than 300 alumni of Sacred Heart High school.

With the convent and school building projects completed, attention now had to be directed to the rectory. When the old rectory had been torn down, a house at 1331 Cherry st., and a small cottage at 349 S. 7th st., were used as a temporary rectory.

The priests slept and took their meals in the smaller of the two and used the other as an office. Since the house on Cherry st., had to be removed to make room for the rectory, it was sold for $100 and torn down.

Meanwhile, a house at 311 S. 7th st., belonging to the diocese, was rented, and the priests divided their time and activities between the two. It was very inconvenient but it happened to be the only solution of the problem.

After the plans for the new rectory had been completed and approved, they were submitted to a number of local contractors. The Wobig Construction

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New Help of Christians Parish Formed to Serve Expanding Suburban Area

SAGINAW—After World War II, the cities of our country began to take on a new format of living. Besides fostering internal growth with apartment houses and building individual bi-level and tri-level homes to conserve space, the population overflowed the city limits and formed what is known as "suburbs". The pioneers of suburban living had their start in these outlying districts.

The first step towards starting Our Lady Help of Christians' parish in the south-east section of Saginaw occurred in January, 1955. Father Eugene A. Forbes, chancellor, under the direction of Bishop Woznicki chose and bought a site of fifteen acres for $15,000 on Outer Drive between Webber and Hess streets.

The prospective parish was sandwiched on the north between Chevrolet Transmission on Genesee and the Saginaw Steering Gear on Holland (M 46).

On the west The Saginaw Fair Grounds acted as a buffer for St. Casimir parish, and on the east Towerline Rd. . . . finally on the south Longview st. made the enclosure complete.

Because of the nearness of the two factories—the thrill of living near a city and yet not in it—the working man leaped into this area and began to build his home. Subdivisions sprung up rapidly and families flocked in. This section was known as the Buena Vista District.

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Parish Organized

IN JUNE OF 1950 the bishop ordered a census of the area to be taken. The Mission Sisters of the Holy Ghost promptly and efficiently completed this task.

On July 25, 1950, the Bishop gave an unofficial appointment for starting and organizing this new area. On Aug. 27th the official assignment was mailed from the Chancery to Fr. H. T. Zacharias, then pastor of St. Mary's, Port Sanilac.

He was directed to establish residence in Saginaw on Sept. 7. Fr. Charles W. Burkhardt extended a cordial invitation to use the Sacred Heart rectory as headquarters.

On Sept. 9, the pastor after saying the 8 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart began interviewing the new parishioners in their homes to form the five-man Church Committee. At 2 p.m. at Sacred Heart School a meeting was held with this group to find a place to say Mass.

The following men were assigned: Robert Straba, Joseph Smith, Charles Rigda, Urban Wellman and Louis Menard, sr.

Before 10:30 that night all the members of the School Board District No. 9 were approached and gave temporary permission to hold services at the Ricker School Auditorium on Sept. 16.

Fr. Herbert T. Zacharias
Present Pastor

Joseph Barr, the school Superintendent was most gracious in allowing all the facilities required. The Divine services were to be held here for the next 18 months.

On Sept. 11, the name for the new parish was presented to the Bishop and accepted as "Our Lady Help of Christians".

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Parish Benefactors

THE FOLLOWING benefactors aided the start of the new parish:

Edmund C. Hillier of Detroit became the very first benefactor by donating $500. Mission Sisters of the Holy Ghost gave the vestments, altar and all accoutrements.

Sacred Heart church housed the pastor, contributed low mass candlesticks and crucifix, extended school facilities for the new families, gave weekly instructions to those attending public high schools.

Holy Family church donated two collection baskets and ablution cup. Mt. Carmel church gave a year's supply of wine, portable confessional, and the use of printing facilities for the bulletins.

St. Mary Cathedral extended school facilities for the new and old families, and offered Bus transportation for the catechism program for two years.

A few statistics on the First Mass said at the Ricker School auditorium on Sept. 16th: Rosary was recited before each Mass (8:30 and 10:30), and this custom is still in use; there were 272 people who attended; 91 envelopes used; total contribution $198, 92 communions distributed.

Parish organizations include: Holy Name society, Rosary-Altar society, Senior Legion of Mary, Junior Men's Legion of

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Our Lady Help of Christians Church-Hall, Saginaw

Parish Centennial Marked Sept. 16, 1962—

Second Century for St. Andrew's

SAGINAW — A solemn Mass in the presence of Bishop Woznicki at noon Sunday, Sept. 16, 1962, marked the 100th anniversary of the existence of St. Andrew's as a parish.

Following Mass a banquet was served at 2:30 p.m. to 400 guests in the high school auditorium.

Celebrant at the Mass of thanksgiving was Fr. Neil O'Connor, pastor of St. Andrew's and editor of the Saginaw and Lansing editions of The Catholic Weekly.

Assistant priest was Msgr. John J. Sonefeld, vicar general and pastor of neighboring SS. Peter and Paul parish.

Assistant deacons were Fr. Ralph M. Richards, Saginaw St. Helen pastor, and Fr. Joseph Favara, pastor of Saginaw Mt. Carmel parish.

The sermon was given by Fr. Howard M. Brown. St. Andrew's Adult choir sang under the direction of Anthony F. Brogger.

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Mother Parish of County

ST. ANDREW'S celebrated its 100th anniversary of organized Catholic life in 1952. It has the honor of being the mother parish of Saginaw County.

St. Joseph parish in Bay City was established in 1850 and St. Andrew's remained a mission to St. Joseph until 1862 when Fr. Reinurus J. VanderHeyden was appointed the first pastor.

Various priests administered the needs of the people of Saginaw before St. Andrew was set up as a parish. Among these were Fr. Martin Kundig in May of 1841. He completed plans already begun for Catholic services and instructions.

Saginaw was then a village of about 500 people and of these, 15 or 20 families formed the nucleus of the Catholic group who were anxious to have Mass offered and establish Catholic life.

Fr. Kundig would come up to Flint from Detroit and thence to Saginaw by stagecoach. First services were held at the home of Captain James J. Maldin at the corner of Cass and Niagara Streets.

The year 1852 saw the first real organized life of the Catholics in the area of Saginaw. They bought a carpenter's shop which was at the corner of Michigan (then Washington) and Adams.

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Parish Site Purchased

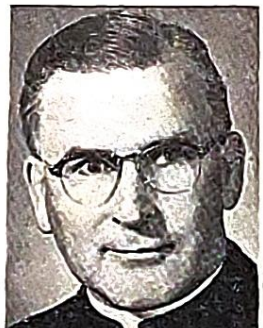
LATE IN 1853 parishioners purchased the land upon which St. Andrew's church stands and the former carpenter shop was moved there.

Fr. H. T. H. Schutjes, pastor of Bay City St. Joseph, lived in Saginaw from 1852 to 1855 and celebrated Mass in Saginaw about once every month, traveling between Saginaw and Bay City by foot, at times in great danger of his life.

Upon the arrival of Fr. VanderHeyden late in 1861, Fr. Schutjes

Fr. Raymond C. Oswald
Parish Assistant

St. Andrew Church, Saginaw



Fr. Neil O'Connor
Present Pastor

was relieved of his duties at Saginaw and remained as pastor of Bay City St. Joseph until 1863 when he became pastor of Bay City St. James.

Fr. F. J. Emmerich was named administrator of St. Andrews after Fr. VanderHeyden's departure in 1901.

The second pastor was Fr. Joseph J. Vogl who remained at this post for nine years and instituted plans and directed activities toward the present St. Andrew Church.

Fr. Henry P. Maus was appointed third pastor of St. Andrew's in 1911. He remained at St. Andrew's until his death in 1928.

His first problem upon arriving was to direct the completion of the new church which had been started under Fr. Vogl. The business slump of 1910 had resulted in the parish revenue falling considerably.

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Church Consecrated

WITH THIS extraordinary expense to be met, Fr. Maus organized his parishioners who cooperated in a series of dinners and festivals during the next several years from which a great part of the necessary money was raised.

The new church was consecrated on May 13, 1913.

Seven years after completion of the church, Fr. Maus began to make plans for replacing the old St. Andrew Academy building at Fayette and Monroe Streets with a more modern structure.

After this project was under way, ground was broken for the pastor's residence on Michigan Avenue. These buildings were completed in 1921.

Following Fr. Maus' death on May 3, 1928, Fr. Timothy Kroboth was named pastor in 1929.

In 1933 Fr. Kroboth purchased the house and lots on the corner of Michigan and Clinton Streets (now Hayes) to be used as a clubhouse site and later an annex to the overcrowded convent.

Under the direction if Fr. Kroboth the new high school was constructed in 1951 at a cost of $354,000.

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Present Pastor

FR. NEIL O'Connor was named pastor of St. Andrew's on July 14, 1953. Under his direction a $25,162.00 fieldhouse was built at the athletic field.

Fr. O'Connor also arranged the further purchase of three lots north of the school on Hamilton street. The property will be used for a future gym. At the present it is being used as a parking lot.

Students at St. Andrew's grade and high schools are today taught by the Religious Sisters of Mercy, the order which has been teaching in the parish for 52 years.

The old St. Andrew Academy was taught by the Sisters of Providence.

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13 Priest-Sons

ST. ANDREW'S has had 13 of its sons ordained to the sacred priesthood.

The first, Msgr. Edward A. Lefebvre, was baptized by St. Andrew's first pastor, Fr. VanderHeyden. He became vicar general of the diocese of Grand Rapids and Saginaw.

Other priest sons of St. Andrew's were: Fr. Louis Grohman, ordained in 1911; Fr. Augustine A. Sauve, ordained in 1911; Fr. Philip Watz, ordained in 1931; Msgr. Francis M. Schultz, ordained on February 14, 1932; Msgr. William E. Powers, ordained June 7, 1936; Fr. Joseph Favara, ordained June 7, 1941 and now pastor of Saginaw Mt. Carmel; Msgr. Eugene A. Forbes, ordained on June 7, 1941, now pastor of Saginaw St. Mary Cathedral and a vicar general of the Diocese of Saginaw; Fr. Bernard LeFebvre, a member of the Discalced Carmelites who was ordained on Dec. 19, 1941 and is now serving in the Philippines; Fr. Michael Maher, ordained on May 22, 1948, and now pastor of Carrollton St. John the Bapist; Father Joseph O. Bauer, ordined June 6, 1953 and now pastor of St. Joseph parish in St. Louis; Father Robert J. Coulliard, who was ordained June 4, 1957 and died this year while at Standish St. John the Baptist parish; and Fr. Robert J. Barrera who was ordained in June, 1962, and is now assistant at Saginaw SS. Peter and Paul.

Besides vocation to the priesthood, there have been many St. Andrew vocations to the Sisters of Providence, the Religious Sisters of Mercy, to the Dominicans and to many other orders.

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Large High School

ST. ANDREW'S conducts one of the largest high schools in the diocese. The enrollment in 1963 is expected to be 450.

The school is accredited by the North Central Association and by the University of Michigan.

Father Raymond C. Oswald is the present assistant.

Saginaw Sacred Heart Parish

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Company was awarded the contract with a low bid of $58,000. Work began in the summer of 1952, and in September of 1953, the new rectory was ready for occupancy.

In 1954, a house at 315 S. 7th st., was put up for sale. Since it adjoined the parish property at 349 S. 7th st., the Bishop readily approved its purchase for $6,700. A few years later in 1958, two cottages just north of this house also became available.

With the permission of the Bishop, a loan of $14,000 was obtained and these cottages also became parish property. These houses were rented for a few years and then sold and removed in 1960.

This gave the parish a parking lot 135 feet deep with a frontage on 7th street of 136 feet. It was paved with gravel, and eventually, it will be black-topped.

The cost of these building projects, including the parking lot, ran well over a quarter of a million dollars. Today, thanks to the generosity of the people of Sacred Heart, the total parish debt is less than $30,000.

During Father Burkhardt's pastorate, he was assisted by the following priests: Fathers Frederick J. Maynard, 1945 to 1946; Lawrence Greiner, 1946 to 1947; Francis Piaskowski, 1947 to 1949; H. B. Koscielniak, 1949 to 1951; Joseph Branigan, 1951 to 1953; Paul Pelletier, 1953 to 1954; Peter A. Pijnappels, 1954 to 1956; R. E. Seldenwand, 1956 to 1959; Howard Brown, 1959 to 1962, and Father Raymond Oswald 1962-63.

Father Burkhardt was named pastor of Bay City St. James on March 20, 1963. Father Robert A. Keller was installed as present Sacred Heart pastor on March 21, 1963.

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Religious Vocations

AS FAR AS can be ascertained, Sacred Heart parish has produced four priests and more than a dozen sisters.

The priests are Fr. Joseph Wey, who worked in the Diocese of Hamilton, Ont., and died in 1937; Fr. Linus Schrems, now in the Diocese of Grand Rapids; Fr. Francis F. Welsmiller, who attended Sacred Heart grade school and who now is on sick leave in California; and Fr. Robert Davey, who was ordained in June, 1962.

Nuns include Sisters Urban (Gase), Louise (Gase), Vita Marie (Gase), Cyprian (Bauman), Redempta (Karl), Mary James (Rau), Arlene (Wisner), Edith (Kahler), Scholastica (Ribble), Eileen Marie (Prueter) and Regis (Davey).

All the above are members of the Grand Rapids Dominican community.

Sister Marie Siena (Schneitler) has been with the Maryknoll missionaries for many years.

In 1962, two Sacred Heart girls joined the Extension Volunteers, Patricia Murray and Constance Grills, and two others entered the Grail Institute, at Cincinnati, Ohio, Mary Louchart and Joan Grzenia.

Within the past few decades, Sacred Heart parish has experienced changes such as are inevitable in a rapidly growing cosmopolitan city.

In April, 1959, it ceased to be a national parish and was assigned a definite territory living roughly between Genesee and Walnut Avenues on the west and south, respectively, and Johnson and Wadsworth on the north. The city limits now form its eastern boundary.

Further changes are expected in the future, but Sacred Heart parish with its sturdy church and its fine new school and rectory will unquestionably continue to minister to the spiritual needs of the Catholics of northeastern Saginaw for many years to come.

Our Lady Help of Christians

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Mary, Junior Ladies' Legion of Mary, Ushers' club, Men's club, Choir, Altar Boys, Lay Catechism teachers, and Credit Union.

The temporary rectory was completed Feb. 21, 1957. Laying of the church cornerstone came on April 6, 1958. First Mass in the new building was offered April 13, 1958.

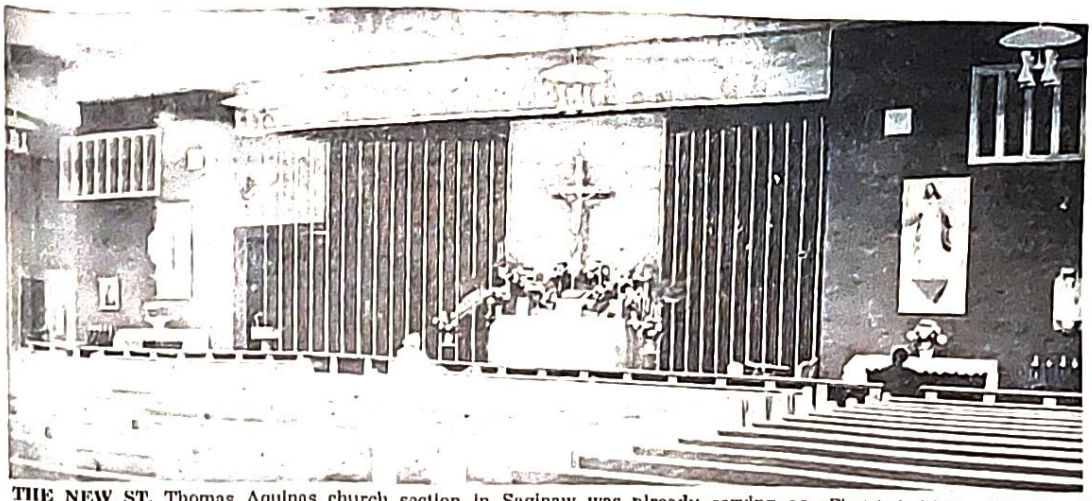
Future Plans of the parish involve a new school, convent, rectory and church on the Outer Drive site.

Council Backs Rights Ordinance

DETROIT, (NC) — The Catholic Interracial Council of Detroit has voted to support an ordinance which would forbid discrimination in all Detroit hospitals.

It also endorsed freedom marches sponsored by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People because "they contribute to the promotion of interracial justice."

The CIC-endorsed ordinance applying to hospitals and convalescent homes would make it a misdemeanor for such institutions to refuse service because of race, creed or color.



THE NEW ST. Thomas Aquinas church section in Saginaw was already serving as the center of parish life when this picture was taken by Catholic Weekly photographer in October, 1960.

St. Thomas Makes Rapid Strides in Brief Span Under Franciscans

SAGINAW—As the Saginaw diocese celebrates the 25th anniversary of its establishment, St. Thomas Aquinas parish is nine years old. Although it now numbers 533 families, the first census of the new parish revealed only 71 families.

Although the rapid growth of the Saginaw Township area would have soon necessitated the establishment of the parish its erection was accelerated by the diocese's desire to purchase the Franciscan property on Gratiot St., for building purposes.

Bishop Wozniekl and Monsignor John J. Sonefeld, pastor of neighboring SS. Peter and Paul parish, sought to acquire the St. Leonard Friary site on Gratiot as a site of the new SS. Peter and Paul high school.

In exchange for this property and to retain the Franciscans in the Saginaw area, the bishop offered the Franciscans their present site in the Berberovich subdivision on State st., and full charge of St. Thomas Aquinas parish to be organized there in the near future.

This present parish site was donated to the Saginaw Diocese by Dr. Thomas F. Berberovich in 1948.

On Feb. 10, 1953, the Provincial Definitorium of the Franciscan Assumption Province convened at Saginaw. After consultation with the Most Rev. Bishop, it approved the sale of the Franciscan property on Gratiot st. to the diocese. This immediately started the chain of events which led to the establishment of St. Thomas Aquinas parish in suburban Saginaw Township.

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Parish Limits Set

By an official decree of erection given by Bishop Wozniekl, on March 3, 1953, St. Thomas Aquinas Parish was canonically established within the confines of Saginaw Township, outside of the city of Saginaw (west side). The official limits or boundaries of the parish were defined as follows:

"On the north: A line running in the middle of the Tittabawassee Road extending east from the Tittabawassee River to the Chesapeake and Ohio (Pere Marquette) Railroad and thence along this Railroad east and south to its juncture with the North Center Road in Saginaw Township.

"On the east: The line will extend south along the North Center Road from the point of juncture with the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad to the middle of Gratiot Road; both sides of North Center Road will belong to the St. Thomas Aquinas Parish.

"On the south: The line will lie in the middle of Gratiot Road, running west to the Tittabawassee River.

"On the west: The Tittabawassee River." (This area previously constituted a part of St. Stephen's Parish, our neighboring parish to the east). The official document also stated that a parish church was to be erected within the confines of the parish, and that this parish would constitute a part of the Saginaw Deanery.

Fr. Chester Osowski, O.F.M.

On Sept. 23, 1953, an official agreement was entered into by the Diocese of Saginaw and the Franciscan Fathers (Assumption B.V.M. Province) as to the commission and union ("pleno jure") of St. Thomas Aquinas parish to the Religious House (Franciscan Fathers).

This document was signed by Bishop Wozniekl for the Diocese, and Fr. Theophane Kalinowski, O.F.M., Minister Provincial of the Assumption B.V.M. Province, for the Franciscan Fathers.

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Parish Organized

FR. ANGELUS Stunek, O.F.M., arrived in Saginaw on May 7, 1953, to take up the duties of organizing the new parish. By August the completed census showed a total of 71 families within the confines of the parish. On July 16, 1953, the Bishop, by official decree, appointed Fr. Angelus Stunek, O.F.M., as the Administrator of St. Thomas Aquinas parish.

The Saginaw Township Hall (corner of N. Center and Shattuck Rds.) served as the first place of worship for the new congregation. Use of the Township Hall was free.

The first Masses were offered by Fr. Stunek on Sept. 6, 1953, at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Services were to be held here until the erection of a temporary church at the parish site.

An Ushers club was organized at a meeting held at the Alvin Rolfe residence (1632 N. Center Rd.) on Sept. 22, 1953. The St. Thomas Altar society was organized at a meeting held on Sept. 24, 1953.

On Nov. 1, 1953, Fr. Angelus administered the Sacrament of Baptism for the first time in the new parish to Dorothy Mae Konency, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Konency.

The first parish committeemen were: Arthur McInerney, Carl Baldauf, Joseph Hart, Louis Ryan and William Reinke.

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School Planned

THE YOUNG BUT ambitious congregation soon began to plan for a church-school facilities at the parish site. The first meeting of the pastor and building committeemen, architect Joseph Goddeyne of Bay City was held Jan. 8, 1954.

Preliminary planning centered about a 4-classroom and auditorium (temporary church) structure. Many sketches and plans were drawn up and discussed. The Provincial dissuaded the committee from building any temporary structures.

On July 24, 1954, Fr. Chester Osowski, O.F.M., succeeded Fr. Angelus as the pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas. Fr. Angelus was relieved of the office because of seriously failing health.

The new pastor and his building committee had a number of meetings with the architect, and on Aug. 17, 1954, it was decided to concentrate on plans for a 10-classroom building, of which four were to be used as classrooms; two as a hall (with curtains opening into the sanctuary to be used for overflow crowds) and four classrooms to be used as the temporary church to seat 330.

On November 10, 1954, news was received from Mother M. Chrysostom, Superior General of the Bernadine Sisters (Reading, Pa.) that her order Sisters would staff the new school, promising to send four nuns for the first year.

The final plans for the school-church combination were approved by the pastor and church committee on December 14, 1954. The following day, the pastor presented the plans to the Bishop.

The bishop approved the plans, but stated that he would not give us permission to build until the General Motors-UAW contract was settled. The General Motors-UAW signed a new contract, and the bishop granted permission to let the bids out for the building.

The opening of the bids took place on May 26. Contracts were awarded on June 1, 1955: General Contract—Collinson Construction co., (Midland) for $127,230; Plumbing and Heating—Hansen-Snyder (Saginaw) for $41,778; Electrical—Walter Link Electric for $7,607.70.

Ground - breaking ceremonies were held on June 19, 1955, with Msgr. Sonefeld officiating. The Cornerstone for the school-church combination was placed by Msgr. Sonefeld with many of the local clergy in attendance. Masses offered in new church for first time on April 1, 1956.

On Oct. 28, 1956, Bishop Wozniekl dedicated the new church-school. Final cost of the building was $178,909.53, plus $8,820.48 in architect's fees.

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Parish Builds

ON AUG. 19, the Bishop granted permission to prepare plans for an addition to the school-church. Permission to build was given on Dec. 10, 1958. Architects Morris and Wesolek (Bay City) were hired to draw up the plans.

Bids were opened on June 17, 1959. The final contracts for the addition—to consist of a gymnasium (temporary church), large basement parish hall, library, principal's office, teachers' lounge, nurse's room, two wash rooms and large lobby—were awarded as follows on June 26, 1959: General Contract—R. C. Hendrick and Son (Saginaw) for $193,266; Plumbing and Heating—Anthony Kuczwara for $66,038; Electrical—Walter Link for $23,850.

A short ground - breaking ceremony was held on June 28, 1959, with construction scheduled to begin the next day. Msgr. Sonefeld blessed the cornerstone on Nov. 8, 1959. Bishop Wozniekl dedicated the addition on Oct. 16, 1960.

On June 23, 1955, work began on the first temporary Sisters' home.

Two lots were purchased across the street from the present school. Here the men of the parish, working in their free time and Saturdays, built a ranch-style home to serve as the first convent. The Sisters occupied it in September of 1956. This home cost $18,000 and was sold for $26,000 to the John Farrell family in the spring of 1961.

The parishioners immediately began work on another temporary Sisters' home. Two lots were purchased on property adjoining the playground to the north. This present home has 4,500 square feet, with facilities for 13 nuns. It was completed at a cost of about $38,000. The Sisters moved into this modern and beautiful home in September of 1961.

The St. Thomas Aquinas School has been in operation since 1956. It began with three classrooms and an enrollment of 112. By the fall of 1962, the school was teaching 466 children in 10 modern classrooms. The present staff is composed of 6 Bernardine Sisters and four lay teachers.

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Parish Priests

FATHER Osowski has served as pastor since taking over for Fr. Stunek on July 24, 1954.

The following Franciscans have served as assistants in the parish: Rev. Fr. Erwin Janasik, O.F.M.—Oct. 9, 1955, to June 11, 1956; Rev. F. Farrell Glab, O.F.M. — June, 1956, to August, 1957; Rev. Fr. Walter Janik, O.F.M.—Aug., 1957, to July, 1958; Rev. Fr. Simon Kwiatkowski, O.F.M. — July, 1958, to January, 1959; Rev. Fr. Rembert Badarzynski, O.F.M. —January, 1959, to August, 1961; Rev. Fr. Salvator Mika, O.F.M.—August, 1961, to Aug. 12.

During early August of this year, Fr. Osowski and Fr. Mika were transferred to St. Mary of the Angels parish in Green Bay, Wis. They were replaced by Fr. Valentine Mysliicki, OFM, pastor, and Fr. Justinian Meronek.

Key Role for Radio in Africa Future

LEOPOLDVILLE, (NC)—Cabinet ministers and Church officials attended the opening of a missionary-run radio programing service here which will produce educational and cultural programs in cooperation with government departments.

Father Henri Boisschot, C.I.C.M., of the Scheut Missionaries, said at the opening that the service's $210,000 studio is "completely at the service of the Congolese and African community." Father Boisschot is director of the service.

THE SERVICE, known as STAR (from its name in French: Service Technique Africain de Radiodiffusion —African Technical Service for Radio Broadcasting), was set up by the Scheut Fathers in response to a request from the Congolese Bishops and in agreement with the Congolese central government.

STAR has two recording studios, a record library and administrative offices. The project was financed in large part by the German government's central office for aid to developing countries, by the Belgian government, and by private aid from the U.S.

"Throughout the African continent," Father Boisschot said, "radio is destined to play a very important role. It has the great advantage of being able to reach both the unlettered and the educated, wherever they may be.

It is impossible to build schools quickly enough to meet the rising need. Not enough adults can serve as instructors and professors. Thousands of young people are unable to continue their studies after primary school. Adults face the same problems...

"The Church has always been preoccupied with these problems. That is why she has given this country schools, hospitals, dispensaries, maternity clinics and social centers."

FATHER Boisschot said that educational programs will be produced in the Congo's four main languages. Kikongo, Lingala, Swahili and Tshiluba. Other programs will be produced in French.

Bible Men to Probe Bultmann Influence

SAN FRANCISCO, (NC) — A symposium on the teachings and influence of Rudolph Bultmann, German New Testament scholar and theologian, will highlight the 26th convention of the Catholic Biblical Association of America at the University of San Francisco Aug. 27 to 29.

Father Raymond E. Brown, S.S., of St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, in a paper entitled 'After Bultmann, What?," will discuss the implications of Bultmann's doctrines for Catholic Scriptural interpretation.

"RUDOLPH Bultmann and Post-Bultmann Tendencies" will be the subject of a paper by Father P. Joseph Cahill, S.J., of West Baden College, Ind., tracing a new direction in German theology during the past five years.

New Parish High School Dedicated in 1956—

SS. Peter and Paul Moves Ahead

SAGINAW—In 1862, Saginaw was divided into two sections, East Saginaw and Saginaw City.

The first pastor of Saginaw City was Fr. Vander Heyden who came in 1861 and built St. Andrew's Church. Later he carved out of St. Andrew's two parishes, one of which was to become SS. Peter and Paul. This decision was made in 1886.

The cornerstone for SS. Peter and Paul Church was laid on June 12, 1887.

Early organizational work on the parish was done by Fr. Joseph Benning.

The church was completed under the direction of Fr. Edward Lefevre.

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First School

THE FIRST SS. Peter and Paul school, a frame building, was the outgrowth of the conjoining of two former public schools, the Union and the Sixth Ward schools, at the corner of Fayette and Perry streets, where the Sisters' convent is now located.

In 1889, three Sisters of Providence of Terre Haute, Ind., were placed in charge of the school.

In 1893 the church rectory was completed.

In 1909 the Sisters of Providence were succeeded by six Dominican Sisters of Grand Rapids.

A new and more spacious building containing 8-classrooms and living apartments for the Sisters was erected on the corner of Wayne and Harrison streets in 1911. In September, 1910, a well organized high school was established.

In 1920 a new convent for the Sisters was erected at a cost of $30,000.

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Present Pastor

Following Fr. Lefevre's death on Jan. 2, 1923, he was succeeded by Fr. Francis B. Brogger. After Fr. Brogger's death in 1936, Monsignor John J. Sonefeld became pastor.

In 1948-49 the church building was redecorated at a cost of $149,000. The parish convent was rebuilt in 1949-1950.

On Feb. 7, 1950, Bishop Murphy died and Monsignor Sonefeld was appointed administrator of the diocese in the interim between Bishop Murphy's death, and the installation of Bishop Woznicki on May 25, 1950.

Bishop Woznicki reappointed Monsignor Sonefeld as vicar general.

The parish was again honored when its pastor was made a Prothonotary Apostolic on May 12, 1952, by His Holiness, Pope Pius XII.

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Parish Divided

BY DECREE OF Bishop Woznicki, the new parish of St. Stephen's was established on June 18, 1950. This newly formed parish was made up of territory that had been mainly under the care of SS. Peter and Paul.

Since then, two other parishes have been formed from the territory that had been part of SS. Peter and Paul: St. Thomas Aquinas, and Holy Spirit in Shields.

Monsignor John J. Sonefeld
Present Pastor

PURPLE HEART VETERANS raise the American Flag in November, 1956 dedication rites for Saginaw SS. Peter and Paul High school.

During 1951 the central heating plant that serves the present church, grade school, convent, and rectory was entirely renovated with the installation of two new boilers; two new stokers and pumps; a new roof; and electrical equipment. The cost of this extensive renovation was $22,000.

In 1955, it was necessary to add to the old school a new kitchen and another entrance to the gymnasium at a cost of $15,000. Much of this work was done by labor donated by the parishioners. The result of this addition provided the parish with a fine, well equipped kitchen that is in use on many occasions.

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Sacrificial Offering Drive

IN APRIL OF 1962 a tremendously important campaign was put on in the parish called the Sacrificial Offertory Campaign.

Monsignor Sonefeld had heard much about the merits of tithing and wished his parishioners to share in the benefits of this plan for supporting their parish. He asked G. F. Lenzi to come and help put on this campaign in the parish.

With Lenzi's assistance this campaign was successfully carried out when, after six weeks of indoctrination, on April 1, 1962, 160 men went to call on each family in the parish, asking them to give a fair percentage of their income each week towards the support of the parish.

Over 90% of the parishioners cooperated in promising to do their part. The parish income has taken a decided upturn, with the result that the pastor is now able to pay more on the debt.

The tremendous cost of the new high school left the parish with an indebtedness of $438,000 in the fall of 1956, which at present has been reduced to $215,000. Hence, the parish is already benefiting from the financial viewpoint, and it is felt that many spiritual benefits will also accrue due to the sacrifices of our parishioners.

This past year has also seen the addition of the latest type safety feature to our two schools. This is the installation of an automatic fire alarm system that is activated as soon as any heat or smoke appears in the building. It is also connected with the fire station to give the fire department the earliest possible warning.

This system, which was installed in both our grade and high school is the first complete system of this kind to be installed in any school in the City of Saginaw.

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The New High School

IN 1952 IT became apparent that additional high school space would soon be needed on the west side of Saginaw. At the urging of the bishop, Monsignor Sonefeld began to examine the possibility of building a new high school in SS. Peter and Paul parish.

The parish owned the property on North Michigan where the old Merrill Home had stood. At first it was thought that the new school could be built there. Preliminary plans were drawn up for a possible high school building on this site.

Upon closer examination, it became apparent that this limited property would be inadequate for the type of building needed to provide for the high school students of SS. Peter and Paul and the newly erected St. Stephen's parish.

In the spring of 1953 the Franciscan Fathers, who had their monastery on the old Fordney property on Gratiot Avenue, decided to relocate their monastery. SS. Peter and Paul Parish purchased this nine acre site in the 1400 block of Gratiot for $60,000. The old Fordney home was razed, and plans drawn for a new high school on this site.

The plans called for a school to care for 750 students with an auditorium-gymnasium, cafeteria, library, and athletic field. Preliminary cost estimates led to the decision to build only part of this proposed plant at this time. The total cost of the portion built amounted to $462,042.90.

During 1955 and 1956, work progressed rapidly on the new high school building, so that the first classes were held in it in the fall of 1956.

On Nov. 4, 1956, Bishop Woznicki dedicated the new high school. He pointed out in his address the tremendous importance of this building to the future history of the Church in Saginaw. A public banquet followed the dedication.

Last year the enrollment reached its capacity with 457 students enrolled at the beginning of the school year.

One of the outstanding features of the building is the science laboratory that was installed at the time of its building at a cost of $24,000.

All of the parishioners are indeed proud of the beautiful building that has been taking care of high school students from not only SS. Peter and Paul Parish, but from many other parishes in the City of Saginaw.

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Pastor's Jubilee in 1960

IN THE FALL of 1960, the parishioners had the honor of celebrating the Golden Jubilee as a priest of their pastor, Monsignor Sonefeld. This celebration marked Monsignor's priestly Golden Jubilee and his Silver Jubilee as pastor of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Monday, Sept. 19, 1960, Monsignor Sonefeld was celebrant at a Solemn Pontifical Mass in the presence of the bishop. This Mass was attended by more than 150 priests from around the state. The sermon was preached by Bishop Thomas L. Noa of Marquette.

Following the Mass, a dinner was served to the priests by the parish Altar society in the school auditorium.

A second celebration took place on Oct. 2, 1960, at which another Solemn Pontifical Mass of thanksgiving was offered by Monsignor in the presence of the bishop. This Mass gave the parishioners of SS. Peter and Paul an opportunity to share with the Jubilarian this great occasion.

The sermon was preached by Msgr. Eugene A. Forbes, Chancellor.

A reception was held on the same afternoon and all the parishioners and friends of Monsignor Sonefeld had the opportunity to express their congratulations. In preparation for this reception the school auditorium was beautifully decorated in gold and white, with an entire false ceiling arranged for the occasion. Over a thousand people came to extend their congratulations and thanks to their pastor.

Both of the Solemn Pontifical Masses that Monsignor celebrated were sung by the parish choir under the direction of Mrs. Theodota Hackstadt.

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Parish Diamond Jubilee

ON SUNDAY, Sept. 23, 1962, SS. Peter and Paul parish celebrated its Diamond Jubilee com-

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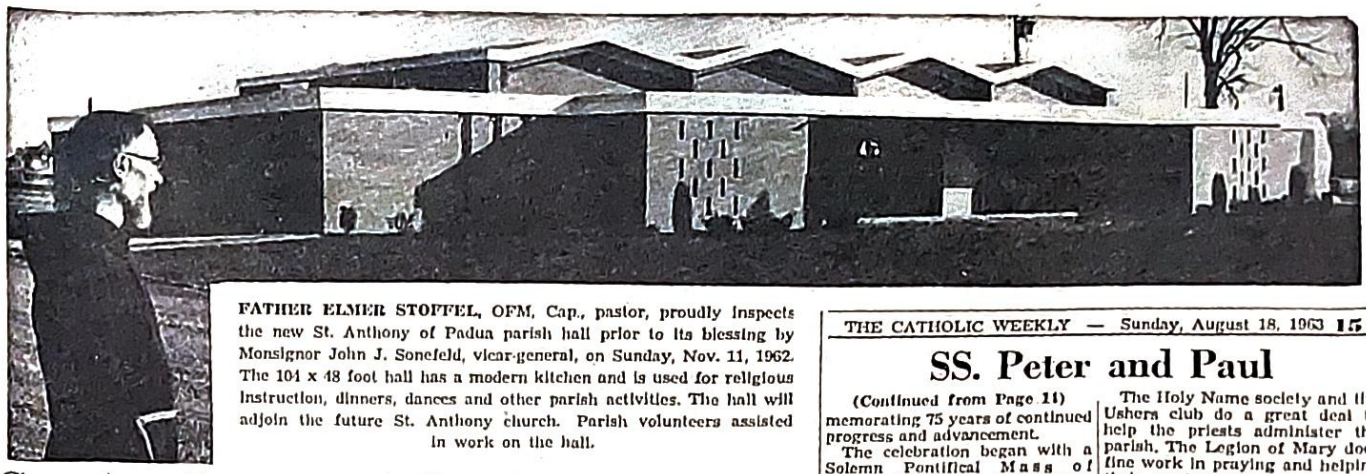
Parish Assistants

Fr. Robert J. Barrera

Fr. Julius A. Spleet



FATHER ELMER STOFFEL, OFM, Cap., pastor, proudly inspects the new St. Anthony of Padua parish hall prior to its blessing by Monsignor John J. Sonefeld, vicar-general, on Sunday, Nov. 11, 1962. The 104 x 48 foot hall has a modern kitchen and is used for religious instruction, dinners, dances and other parish activities. The hall will adjoin the future St. Anthony church. Parish volunteers assisted in work on the hall.

St. Anthony of Padua Parish Assigned to Capuchin Fathers

IT WAS ON THE feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Oct. 4, 1955, that Bishop Woznicki erected the parish of St. Anthony of Padua and placed it under the care of the Capuchin Fathers.

At the time the Capuchin Fathers were building the Retreat House to serve the clergy and laity of the diocese.

The Retreat House Chapel seated 300 people, and it could be used as a parish Church until St. Anthony parish would erect its own parish buildings. Some 220 families from the immediate surrounding territory make up the parish.

Father Cyprian Abler, O.F.M. Cap., was appointed the first pastor. Even before the official erection of the parish, Father Cyprian purchased a 20-acre plot of ground on East street. On Aug. 11, 1955, he paid $12,000 in cash to James and Irene Nicol for the 20 acres.

On Feb. 1, 1956, Father Caspar Stollenwerk, O.F.M. Cap., became the second pastor of St. Anthony parish.

His efforts to build a parish hall on the East street property were thwarted by engineers' declaration that the site was not suitable for parish buildings because of floods.

ON JULY 23, 1958, Father Elmer Stoffel, O.F.M. Cap., became the third pastor of St. Anthony of Padua parish.

On Dec. 9, 1960, the parish property on East street was sold to the City of Saginaw for $16,000. On July 1, 1961, the parish bought 10.76 acres of land on S. Washington rd. for $32,280 from Mr. and Mrs. George Fischer.

The possibility of erecting parish buildings now became a reality. The architect, Frederick Wigen, drew up plans for a Church and Parish hall.

On Nov. 21, 1961, Bishop Woznicki decided that it was within the parish financial limits to build the parish hall and vestibule of the Church, even though over half the money to build would have to be borrowed.

On Easter Sunday, 1962, ground was broken at a brief ceremony. The next day the main contractors went to work. Contractors were: Jurek Construction Co., Laundra and Gohm.

Then on July 29th the cornerstone was laid. On Nov. 11, 1962, the new parish hall was blessed by Monsignor John J. Sonefeld in the presence of 20 members of the clergy and 200 of the laity. This was followed by a festive dinner at 6 p.m.

Now it is the aim of pastor and parishioners to pay off the debt on the parish hall and then to proceed to the building of a church.

DURING THE six years of its existence the following societies were established: Holy Name, Altar Society, Sodality, Ushers club, Mens' club and Confraternity of Christian doctrine.

Although St. Anthony's has no parochial school, about 80 students attend neighboring parochial grade and high schools. Bus transportation is provided for those who attend Holy Family grade school, as well as for the 120 public school children who attend Catechism classes on Saturdays.

SS. Peter and Paul

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memorating 75 years of continued progress and advancement.

The celebration began with a Solemn Pontifical Mass of Thanksgiving offered by Monsignor Sonefeld in the presence of the bishop. Assisting the celebrant were former asssistant priests of SS. Peter and Paul.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. Neil F. O'Connor, pastor of St. Andrew Parish, Saginaw, and editor of The Catholic Weekly.

The parish choir sang the Mass under the direction of Fr. Robert Barrera, with Mrs. Hackstadt as organist. After Mass, a banquet dinner was served to the priests and parishioners by the Altar society. Entertainment was provided by the High School Girls A Cappella Choir. Toastmaster was Fr. James F. Gavit, now chancellor of the diocese and formerly assistant at SS. Peter and Paul.

Remarks were given by the pastor and the bishop.

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Parish Future

PRESENTLY, SS. Peter and Paul parish is the largest in the City of Saginaw. The parish is trying to keep up with the tremendous growth within its boundaries by the effective use of lay personnel.

At present the parish has a very active Altar society, and Home and School associations for both the grade and high schools. The Athletic association for both schools does a fine job of keeping the sports program for the youngsters of the parish.

The Holy Name society and the Ushers club do a great deal to help the priests administer the parish. The Legion of Mary does fine work in praying and helping their pastor take care of the spiritual needs of his flock.

The recently formed "T Club" has for its aim the continuation of the Sacrificial Offertory Campaign. It is made up of volunteers who are convinced of the merits of this campaign and wish all to share in them.

At present there are three groups in the parish which belong to the Christian Family Movement. They do a great deal in helping those who need social direction. In the spring of 1962 they were instrumental in hosting a Pre-Cana instruction course that educated 200 young people planning to enter matrimony.

It has been said that a parish is no better or worse than its people. It is due to the good parishioners of SS. Peter and Paul that this parish is still as vibrant today as it was 75 years ago when Father LeFevre first started building the church. Since then, the years have been good to us, and it is with pride that we number ourselves among those who have made the first 75 years of our parish so progressive.

It is our prayer that we may continue the graeat tradition that has been handed down to us, so that 75 years hence the future parishioners of SS. Peter and Paul parish may be as proud to be numbered among her members as we are today.

St. Paul's -- Key Project of the First Quarter Century

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Bay City, general construction; Associated Mechanical Services, Midland, plumbing and mechanical work; Electrical Service Co., Ann Arbor, electrical work; Wickes Boiler Co., Saginaw, heating plant; Chrysler-Koppen, Detroit, and Kirchman Bros., Bay City, kitchen equipment; Otis Elevator Co., Cleveland, elevator; Kewaunee Mfg. Co., Adrian, laboratory equipment; Schmelzer Furniture, Saginaw, general furnishings; Remington-Rand, Detroit, library furnishings; Bay Lawn Service, Essexville, landscaping; and A. J. Rehmus & Son, Bay City, roads and sidewalks.

In the presence of a large assembly of the clergy and laity Bishop Woznicki, founder of the St. Paul Seminary, broke ground for the new institution on Sunday, June 29, 1958.

A year later an even larger gathering witnessed the laying of the cornerstone by the bishop on Sunday, June 28, 1959.

Four Michigan bishops and the rectors of neighboring seminaries in Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin were present for the ceremonies. Preacher for the occasion was Msgr. Albert A. Matyn, rector of Sacred Heart Seminary, Detroit.

Among the historical items sealed into the corerstone was a beautifully illuminated document from Rome specially inscribed for the occasion.

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First Students Report

CONSTRUCTION of the contemporary-styled seminary complex of brick and stone took 30 months in all.

The attractive and functional main building was planned around a lovely courtyard dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. Student and faculty rooms, library, classrooms, offices, kitchen, refectory, convent quarters, infirmary, and temporary chapel were put into this central structure.

Connected with the main building on the north is the recreation building, including gymnasium, recreation rooms, handball courts, lockers, shower rooms, snack bar, and barber shop. A detached power plant building on the west also houses the garage and extra living quarters lately named St. Stephen's Hall.

Finishing touches still had to be given to the main building, landscaping had barely begun, and several months of work remained in the recreation building when the first student body of 82 seminarians reported to St. Paul's on Sept. 12, 1960.

The following morning Bishop Woznicki offered the Mass of the Holy Spirit on the first day of the first school year. Practically all the clergy of the diocese were present for the opening Mass and received congratulatory greetings cabled from Rome by the then-reigning Pope John XXIII.

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Dedication June 29, 1961

ON THREE successive October Sundays some 14,000 people from all sections of the diocese visited St. Paul's to view the results of their prayers and sacrifices. The fall open house is continued each year, and hundreds more have since toured the seminary buildings and grounds.

Dedication of St. Paul Seminary to the glory of God and the service of the Church took place on June 29, 1961, with the Most Rev. John F. Dearden, Archbishop of Detroit, officiating.

It was the hottest and most humid day of the summer; and the gymnasium, transformed into a chapel for the event, was jammed with a score of midwestern bishops and a thousand invited guests from the diocese and out-state Michigan for the pontifical high Mass celebrated on the stage by Bishop Woznicki.

The dedicatory sermon was delivered by Bishop Thomas L. Noa of Marquette, former rector of the Grand Rapids seminary.

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Insurance for Future

AS THE DIOCESE celebrates the silver jubilee of its establishment this summer, the St. Paul Seminary looks back on its three years of operation and observes progress towards its single goal —the initial formation of candidates for the Saginaw diocesan priesthood.

The first high school class of 16 students graduated in June and will constitute the first class of the college department to be initiated next month. Enrollment has increased from the original 82 to 130 in the past school year, the first year in which the full four-year high school program was offered. Anticipated enrollment in the coming school year is 180.

The faculty has grown from the original eight priests to a staff of 14, including two Dominican Sisters and two laymen. Seven faculty members are full-time instructors, and seven serve part-time. All are fully certified by the State Department of Public Instruction.

The St. Paul Seminary high school department was accredited by the North Central Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges in March of this year. It is the first minor seminary in Michigan to achieve this coveted rating.

The college department opening this fall will be affiliated with Aquinas College of Grand Rapids, and its courses will be taught as extension courses of that accredited liberal arts institution. These steps represent efforts by the faculty to insure quality education for the minor seminarians of the diocese.

In the first quarter century of the life of the diocese no more important project was undertaken and brought to fruition than the diocesan seminary. With the blessing of God and the continued prayerful and financial support of His people, St. Paul Seminary is rightly regarded as the assurance of a bright future for the Church of Saginaw.

Farmers' Fields Blessed from Air

CROOKSTON, Minn., (NC) — Crops of parishioners of three area churches got the traditional blessing recently — but from the air this time.

Priests from the country parishes sprinkled the fields with holy water as they flew over them in imitation of airborne crop sprayers.

New Leader for the 'Little Singers'

MADRID, (NC) — Msgr. Florenzo Romita was elected president of the International Federation of Little Singers during the last February.

THE FEDERATION includes more than 2,600 choirs in 80 federation's general assembly here.

Msgr. Romita, who was first vice president of the federation and president of the Italian Federation of Little Singers, set up the International federation with the founder of the Little Singers, Msgr. Fernand Maillet, who died countries.

'Big Parish' Status in Little More Than a Decade—

Rapid Expansion at St. Stephen's

Everything Bright and New at Saginaw St. Stephen Parish

ON JUNE 22, 1941, the Diocese of Saginaw Chancery announced that property had been purchased on the west side of the city of Saginaw where two new parishes would be organized.

Nine years later, on June 18, 1950 the Chancery further announced that one of these parishes would center around the diocesan property on Malzahn street and would be known as St. Stephen parish.

On July 12, 1950, Father Charles A. Mahoney was appointed the first pastor of the new parish by the Most Rev. Stephen S. Woznicki, D.D., Bishop of Saginaw.

The boundaries of St. Stephan begin on the north at the Tittabawassee river and extend to the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad, along this railroad to Mackinaw st.

The line runs on the east along the following streets: Mackinaw, Weiss, North Court (now Warwick), State, Handley, West Genesee, Brenner, Congress, Bay, Court, and thence to the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad.

The Boundary continues on the south along the railroad to St. Stephen, South Andre, Wells and Laurel streets, then to Wright along Brockway St. to Brockway Place, on Newberry to Malzahn and on Gratiot to the river.

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First Mass in Theater

THE FIRST Masses in the new parish were celebrated on July 23, 1950 by Father Mahoney in the Court theatre. They were offered for the intentions of the people of the parish.

Organizational meetings were held in August in SS. Peter and Paul auditorium.

A church committee, a Building committee, the Altar society, a Holy Name society, an Ushers' club, the Legion of Mary and an adult choir were organized and began activities within two months after the opening of the parish.

The financial report for the first five months, ending Dec. 31, 1950 read as follows:

Total income	$19,131.51
Total expenses	3,112.52
Balance on hand	$16,018.99

On Feb. 18, 1951, ground was broken for a $450,000 church-school building. The actual construction began on March 1, 1951 and the building was completed and opened for use on May 18, 1952.

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Dominicans Arrive

A LOT WAS purchased in January, 1952, at 1323 Malzahn st where a temporary convent was built. Construction was completed in time for the arrival of the seven sisters from the Dominican Motherhouse in Adrian in August, 1952.

The enrollment for the first school year was 327 pupils. A Parent-Teacher organization began functioning promptly and has been very active in parish affairs since its first meeting on Sept. 18, 1952.

On March 23, 1953, a new boundary line for the establishment of the new St. Thomas Aquinas parish took many away from St. Stephen.

On Oct. 18, 1954, another ground breaking ceremony took place for an addition to the original building.

This one-story structure, attached to the first building, consisted of self-contained first grade room and a self-contained kindergarten room, as well as three other regular classrooms.

Father Charles A. Mahoney
Founding Pastor

These rooms were ready for use in September, 1955.

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Convent Built

THE STEADILY increasing enrollment in the school necessitated another addition to the school soon. Early in 1958, construction began on a second story to the 1955 addition of six classrooms.

About that same time, an addition to the temporary convent was built, providing space for more sisters. Yet, even this was inadequate for 11 sisters.

More sisters could not be had until there was adequate living quarters for them. Therefore, it was deemed opportune to erect a permanent convent.

In October, 1959 ground was broken on the parish property northwest of the school for a permanent convent. A practical, spacious building was erected with facilities at present for 22 sisters. This building was dedicated by Bishop Woznicki on Dec. 13, 1959.

In October of 1961, after due consideration by the Church committee and permission of the bishop, a campaign was launched for the new St. Stephen High school.

In April of 1962, the parish embarked upon the Sacrificial Offertory Campaign in an effort to increase revenues for building and maintainance.

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High School Started

ON JUNE 26, 1962 bids were opened for the construction of the new St. Stephen High school addition and temporary church.

The bids were submitted to the Church Committee and the bishop, and on July 24, 1962, Father Mahoney received episcopal permission to award the contracts and to start construction.

The ground breaking ceremony for the High School addition, new temporary church and central heating system took place on July 29, 1962.

Monsignor John J. Sonefeld, vicar general of the diocese, officiated.

Construction on the $644,000 structure began on the next day, July 30, 1962.

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Future Plans

THE HIGH school addition, new temporary church, and central heating system will be completed about November of 1963 and the ninth grade will open for classes in September of 1963.

In the meanwhile the present St. Stephen Church will be remodeled for the High School chemistry department.

Dominican Sisters of Adrian, Mich. will staff the new High School beginning in the fall of 1963 with the ninth grade—adding a grade per year.

St. Stephen's will be a four-year high school in 1966 with a projected enrollment of 450 students.

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Overall Design

WHEN ST. Stephen parish was founded an overall plan was designed for the eventual development and building of the necessary parish structures. This plan will be continued in the building program.

The permanent parish church when built will face on Malzahn st.

Adjacent to the church will be the permanent rectory facing the private drive, leading from Malzahn St. to the off-street parking area.

Behind the gymnasium (which is now being constructed) there is adequate space for a football field, a baseball diamond and a playground. There is ample room for stadium seating.

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Priests and Sisters

IN ADDITION to Father Mahoney, the people of St. Stephen's have been served by the following assisting priests:

Fr. James A. Hickey, Fr. Robert J. Pellitier, Fr. Floyd J. Welna, Fr. Joseph O. Bauer, Fr. Richard E. Van Mullekom, Fr. Richard E. Cross, Fr. Jerome M. Turklewicz, Fr. Leo R. Lynch, Fr. Robert W. Davey and Fr. Donald L. Christensen.

The following Sisters have staffed St. Stephen's school since its beginning:

1952-1953: Sister Mary Paula, the first superior, Sister Miriam Catherine, Sister Mary Celeste, Sister Anthony Mary, Sister Donald Mary, Sister Mary Mathia, Sister Ruth Edward.

1953-1954: Sister James Marie,

1954-1955: Sister Eugenia, Sister Sean Patrice, Sister Miriam Charles,

1955-1956: Sister Mary Ursula, Sister Helen Dominic,

1956-1957: Sister Kathleen Cecile, Sister Loretta Francis, Sister Rayella Marie, 1957-1958, Sister Francis Marion, Sister Elizabeth Mary, Sister Thomas Marion, Sister Georgita Marie,

1958-1959: Sister Marie Alma, the present superior, Sister Mary Lucy, Sister Therese Paul, 1959-1960: Sister Grace Marie, Sister Victor Joseph, Sister Mary Sybilla, Sister Ruth Charles,

1960-1961: Sister Agnes Dolores, Sister Agnes Carol, 1961-1962: Sister Loretta Charles, 1962-1963: Sister Maura Kathleen, Sister John Daniel, Sister Mary Seton, Sister Ethel Joseph.

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Vocations

SINCE ITS founding in 1950, four sons of the parish have entered the Sacred priesthood. Father Donald L. Christensen was ordained for Saginaw diocese in 1959.

Father Joseph Friske also for the diocese of Saginaw was ordained in 1962, Fr. Fritz Loos was ordained for the diocese of Saginaw in 1963, and Father Albert Podvin was ordained for the diocese of Santa Fe, New Mexico in 1962.

One young lady of the parish is now a religious sister—Sister Jane Raymond, of the Dominicans of Adrian.

A young man from the parish is a religious brother. He is Brother Dominic Pelkey, O.S.B.

There are three major seminarians from the parish, 11 minor seminarians, 9 of whom are for the Saginaw diocese and one studying for the Maryknoll Missioners and another with the Divine Word Missioners.

There is one young lady of the parish who is a candidate for the religious sisterhood and a young man from the parish pursuing studies for the Capuchin brotherhood.

In a little over a decade then, the St. Stephen story has been one of accomplishment, due in no small measure to the countless sacrifices and generous cooperation of her loyal parishioners.

Parish Assistants

Fr. Donald L. Christensen

Fr. Robert W. Davey

New Setting to Enhance Cathedral

LONDON — (NC) — The London County Council has approved a multi-million dollar redevelopment project which will give this city's Catholic cathedral a dominating setting on one of London's most famous streets.

Westminister cathedral is now hidden behind a block of tall shops and offices on Victoria Street, a street of pageantry which visiting heads of state travel enroute from nearby Victoria railway station to the Houses of Parliament and Buckingham Palace.

THE REDEVELOPMENT project, which covers eight acres in the Westminster area, includes demolition of the buildings which have hemmed in the Byzantine-style cathedral for more than half a century. The Royal Fine Art Commission has endorsed the project.

A wide square running 135 feet from the cathedral's door to Victoria Street will replace the buildings.

Westminster cathedral was started in 1895—45 years after Pope Pius IX reestablished the Roman Catholic Hierarchy in England—and opened in 1903.

'Glass Wall' Features St. Casimir School

New St. Casimir School Dedicated in 1957, Parish Church Renovated

SAGINAW—St. Casimir Parish was established in 1913. In the year 1910 the people here bought the old Webber mansion on the corner of S. Jefferson Ave. and Webber st., as the site for their future church.

After several attempts, the people, thru their representatives finally prevailed upon Bishop Richter of Grand Rapids to establish a parish in this community of South Saginaw.

It was first made a mission of Holy Rosary Parish and on Oct. 7, 1913, Mass was offered in this section of the city for the first time by Fr. F. S. Kaczmarek. This Mass was celebrated in the upper story of the Webber Mansion which was converted into a church.

In September, 1914 the parish school was opened. It started with two class-rooms in the same Webber homestead, on the first floor. Two Dominican Sisters took charge. Quarters were also found for them on the first floor of the same Webber building.

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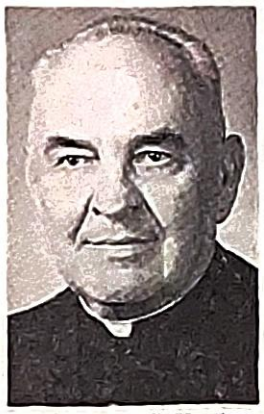
Pastors Assigned

ON MAY 15, 1915, Fr. Valerian Szymanski became the first pastor of St. Casimir.

In 1919 Fr. Szymanski built the present rectory. This year also the Lithuanian people separated from this parish and established their own St. George parish. In 1925 Father Szymanski erected a church-school combination building.

In January, 1929, Father Szymanski was assigned to the pastorate of St. Valentine Church in Beaver and Fr. Francis Kozak, the present pastor, was sent by Bishop Pinten of Grand Rapids to take charge of this St. Casimir.

By the year 1941, the debt of the parish was paid. During this time we also opened two new class-rooms in the basement of the church-school combination building and thus the Sisters only occupied the old original parish building.



Fr. Francis S. Kozak
Present Pastor

The new church ground breaking ceremony took place Sept. 2, 1945. On Dec. 22, 1946, Bishop Murphy dedicated the church. The church was completed and fully furnished for $180,000 dollars. This venture left the parish $92,000 dollars in debt.

Fr. Roman T. Matuszewski
St. Casimir Assistant

In July, 1950, all of the parish debt was paid and we began to plan immediately for a convent for our Sisters. We bought a lot on Owen St. adjoining the church property and in July, 1951, the construction of the convent was started. In April of 1952, during Holy Week, our Sisters moved into their new Convent.

On Palm Sunday, just before the Sisters began moving in, we had an open house of the Convent. Total cost of this convent to accommodate 10 Sisters was $89,438.

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New School Built

THE YEARS following 1953 saw many necessary building improvements at St. Casimir's. For some time, it was growing very clear that the school building, built in 1924, was entirely inadequate. It was disintegrating fast and the only remedy would be a new building.

Ground was broken on Sept. 24, 1956 and the new plant was opened for use for the school year of 1957.

The new school has the latest modern facilities. It has the features of an ultra-modern structure, the most striking feature being its almost total wall area made of glass. The school has 10 rooms, an auditorium and a well equipped cafeteria.

Bishop Woznicki, assisted by many priests of the city, dedicated the new school on Sunday, Oct. 6, 1957. Attending were many parishioners and all the school children. Within a week, the old school which also served as a church was razed.

By 1956, St. Casimir's grew to a two-priest parish. An assistant necessitated another improvement. The priests' residence, built in 1919 was now inadequate.

In May of 1958, construction began on an addition to the rectory. The purpose in mind was primarily to have more office space to serve the people of the parish more satisfactorily. By late 1958, this addition was completed and now the parish could boast of a rectory fully as serviceable as many new, modern ones.

During the time of this addition to the rectory, the capacity of the parish garage was doubled.

The spring of 1962 saw the enlarging of the meeting room in the basement of the rectory.

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Church Renovated

IN THE SUMMER of 1962, was begun what might well be the most enjoyable task of the pastor, Father Kozak. This was the decoration and the renovation of the interior of the church. The church, built in 1915 for the total of $120,000 received a restoration of its interior which cost $90,000.

The work on the interior of the church was performed in accordance with designs prepared by the De Ranieri Studios of Detroit. The marble work was executed in Pietrosanta, Italy and installed by marble setters of the De Ranieri Studios.

In the renovation, the wooden steps and platform of the main altar were removed and rebuilt with white Perlato Italia marble. The gradine or shelve on the altar is also of marble. The red velvet curtain which was the reredos of the main altar was replaced with a Venetian mosaic panel portraying the Crucifixion scene with the Blessed Mother and St. John at the foot of the cross.

The predominant color of the mosaic is gold with the figures inset in prominent colors. The hill in the scene is capped with

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New Church Will Serve St. George Parishioners

SAGINAW—Near the close of World War I a considerable group of Lithuanian families had gathered in southern Saginaw on the East Side and expressed the desire to have their own church.

Father John Gervickas was appointed the first pastor of this new parish of St. George, established by the Diocese of Grand Rapids, on Aug. 24, 1918.

During his stay, with the generous cooperation and help of the parishioners and the church committee, eight lots of land situated at the 2700 block of South Jefferson Ave. were purchased.

The head of the church committee was the late George Dudewicz who also contributed $1,000 toward the church.

A church building and a small rectory were built and later a new rectory was erected at the cost of $10,000.00 Reverend Father Joseph Lipkus succeeded Father Gervickas in 1921.

Before the rectory was built at St. George's, Father Gervickas lived with Father Caldwell, pastor of St. Mary's Church.

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Debt Paid Off

DURING THE time of Father Lipkus' pastorate a good part of the parish debt was paid and a garage was built. Also many other improvements have been made.

After Father Lipkus left the parish, Father Leo Vojciekauskas and Father Boniface Winowicki were pastors for a short time.

Father Stanley Kuczas was appointed as pastor on June 1, 1927 by the late Bishop Pinten.

During his pastorate the remaining parish debt of $1,700 was paid. The rectory was remodeled on the outside, and other improvements made both on the Church and rectory.

Due to ill health, Father Kuczas resigned as pastor of St. George's on June 24, 1953, and he lived here in residence.

On the same date, June 24, Father George Klimas was appointed by Bishop Woznicki as pastor.

During his stay, Father Klimas organized well the grade school catechetical classes. The need of classroom space forced him to convert a garage and two rooms of the rectory into classrooms. Much progress was made by Father Klimas in the spiritual field.

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Boundaries Drawn

ON SEPT. 24, 1956, the Bishop of the Diocese of Saginaw, had granted permission to purchase two blocks of land, bounded by Sheridan, Erie, Glenwood and Arnold Streets, Saginaw, for the new site of St. George's Church. The total cost of the above was $42,000.

On April 8, 1959 Bishop Woznicki changed the parish from a national into a territorial one with definite boundaries.

The canonical limits are:

On the North: All of Gallagher Street from its intersection with Wilkins to Pere Marquette Railroad tracks, along those tracks to Hess and thence south ½ of Hess Street to its intersection with East Genesee Avenue.

On the East: West ½ of East Genesee to Bradley, as extended; thence west on both sides of Bradley Street to its intersection with Grand Trunk Railroad tracks; thence south on Grand Trunk Railroad tracks to their intersection with Fisher Road; thence west along, but not including, Fisher Road to its intersection with Sheridan Road; thence on both sides of Sheridan Road to Cass River.

On the South North bank of Cass River from Sheridan Road to Jefferson Road.

On the West. North along, but not including, Jefferson Road to intersection with Williamson Road; thence along, but not including, Williamson Road to point of beginning, namely, Wilkins Street and Gallagher Street.

On Jan. 23, 1962 permission was granted by the Bishop to purchase two lots on the corner of Erie and Oakwood Streets, across the street and just south of the new St. George parish building site. This was obtained for the sum of $1,000.

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Fr. Bruno L. Kaczmarczyk
Present Pastor

Present Pastor

ON MARCH 5, 1962 Father Klimas was assigned as pastor of St. Dominic, Metz, and Father Bruno L. Kaczmarczyk was appointed as pastor of St. George.

In May of 1962, Architect William A. Spears, of Saginaw, contracted to make and draw plans for the new Church.

On Aug. 24, 1962, permission was granted by the Bishop to proceed with the plans submitted to him for approval.

On April 18, 1963, awards for

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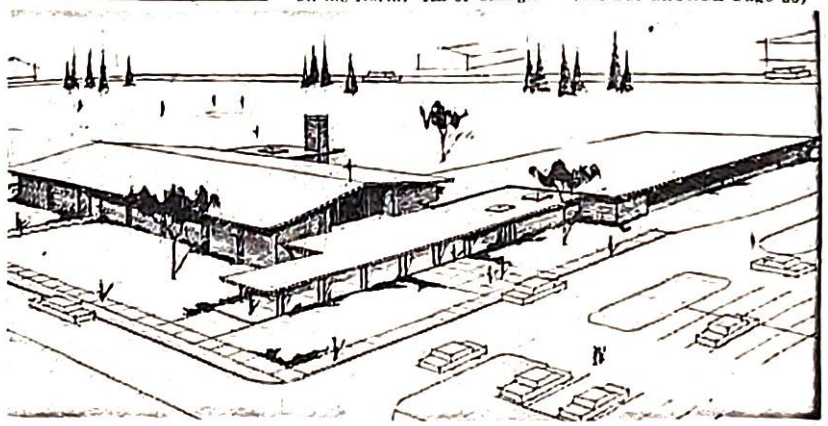


Proposed Church and Annex, Saginaw St. George

Aug. 15 Rites for Northwest Saginaw Parish—

Saginaw St. Helen Church Dedicated

SAGINAW — On June 12, 1950, Bishop Woznicki addressed a letter to Fr. Ralph M. Richards, which read, "We hereby direct you to organize a new parish in the city of Saginaw, using as a center the property already owned by the Diocese on North Charles Street. The parish will be canonically erected as soon as the boundaries are determined. This should be in the near future and at that time you will also receive your canonical appointment as pastor of this parish."

On July 12, 1950, St. Helen parish was canonically erected from territories taken from SS. Peter and Paul and St. Andrew parishes with Fr. Ralph Richards as the new pastor.

Fr. Sigmund Gaj arrived in Saginaw on October 24, 1950, from Europe and became St. Helen's first assistant pastor.

ON MARCH 18, 1951, ground breaking ceremonies were held for the first unit of the parish, a combination church-school building. Construction began immediately. September 12, 1951, Fr. Bernard Kirchman succeeded Fr. Gaj as assistant pastor at St. Helen.

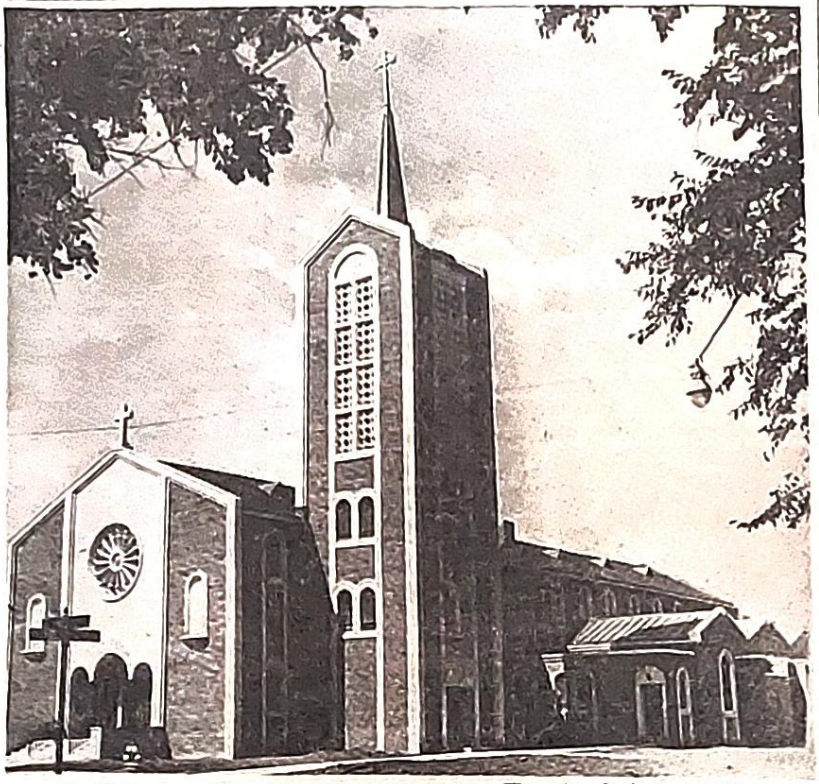
Services were held in the new combination church-school building for the first time on April 13, 1952. It was Easter Sunday. Prior to holding services in its own building the parishioners of St. Helen rented the Daniel Theatre for Sundays and Feast Days and held services there. Services were first held in "St. Daniel" as it was called, on Sunday, July 22, 1950.

May 3, 1952, saw Frs. Richards and Kirchman moved from the temporary rectory at 2333 north Charles into the newly completed rectory at 2006 Deindorfer. Work began immediately on the property at 2333 North Charles to convert it into a convent for the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati, who arrived in August to prepare for the opening of school in September.

On Sept. 2, 1952, Fr. Paul Foster was given a temporary assignment to St. Helen and was succeeded by Father Angelus Kopp on Dec. 17, 1952. School opened in September of 1952, with Sister Ursula Marie, S.C., as its first principal. The enrollment was 291 students.

DURING 1953 the parish began to grow rapidly and it became obvious that in the very near future additional rooms would have to be added to the school. With this in mind plans were made and in November, 1954, ground was broken for an additional four rooms for the school.

Father Thomas Atkins arrived at St. Helen on January 14, 1954, to succeed Father Kopp. Father Atkins, Father James Rafferty, and Father Richards, together with the parish committee men broke ground for the new addition. On August 14, 1955, the new addition was blessed and made ready for the opening of school in September. At the dedication ceremony Monsignor Sonefeld presided and Fr. Gaj gave the sermon.



St. Helen's---Blessing, First Mass on Feast of Assumption

Fr. Ralph M. Richards
Present Pastor and Saginaw Dean

In 1956, the parish acquired and remodeled Rafferty Hall for a class room and the following year acquired and remodeled St. Thomas Center for a kindergarten and Youth Center. In 1958 the growth of the school necessitated the erection of "The Cottage" a two room unit for the school's first grade. This addition brought to an end temporary expansion and it was decided that the next move would have to be the building of a new church in order to use the present church space in the combination building for classrooms.

On June 20, 1958, Fr. Fred Thomas, newly-ordained was appointed to St. Helen to succeed Fr. Thomas Atkins, who was named to his first pastorate at Nativity Parish in Sebewaing, Michigan. Fr. Bela Torok was assigned to St. Helen on September 2, 1958, and remained until he was named pastor of St. James Parish and Missions at Whittemore, Michigan. Fr. Richard Cross held a part-time assistantship in conjunction with a teaching assignment at St. Paul Seminary from September of 1960 until June of 1962.

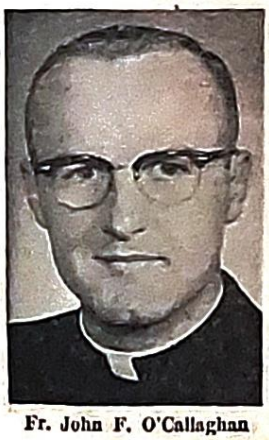
GROUND-BREAKING ceremonies for the new permanent church were held on August 2, 1960. Thus began the first phase of construction for the church and this phase was completed in the early Spring of 1961. In April of 1962, the second phase of construction was begun on the new church. The cornerstone for the new structure was laid by Bishop Woznicki on Sept. 9, 1962.

On September 5, 1962 Father Fred Thomas was succeeded by Father John F. O'Callaghan.

The ceremony of the "Blessing of the Bells" took place on June 7, 1963. The completed church was dedicated by Monsignor John J. Sonefeld, Vice General, on Aug. 15, 1963. The new church seats 1,200 persons and is a splendid example of contemporary Romanesque architecture.

The parish of St. Helen has grown greatly in the 13 years that it has been in existence. There are now 853 children in the grade school taught by ten Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati and seven Layteachers. In the first year of the parish there were about 400 families and at the most recent census count there are 1130. The grade school at the present time is the largest in the Diocese of Saginaw.

Assisting Priests



Fr. John F. O'Callaghan

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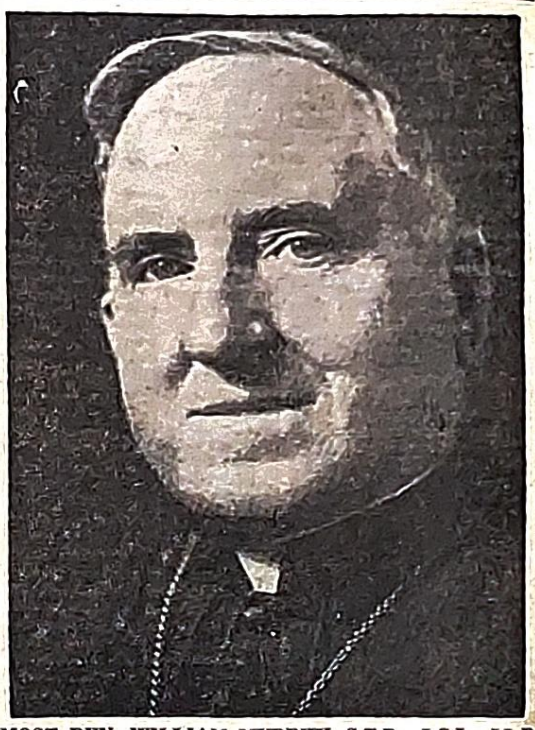


MOST REV. WILLIAM MURPHY, S.T.D., J.C.L., LL.D.
First Bishop of Saginaw (March 17, 1938-Feb. 7, 1950.

Lutheran Monk Finds New Friends

OXFORD, Mich., (NC) — A fire that drove the only Lutheran monk in the U.S. from his little retreat house near here gave members of a Catholic monastery an opportunity to show their ecumenical spirit.

Rev. Arthur Kreinheder was welcomed at the monastery of St. Benedict of Montefano, a novitiate for Catholic students for the priesthood, when his tiny house and all his possessions—including a library of over 1,500 books were burned.

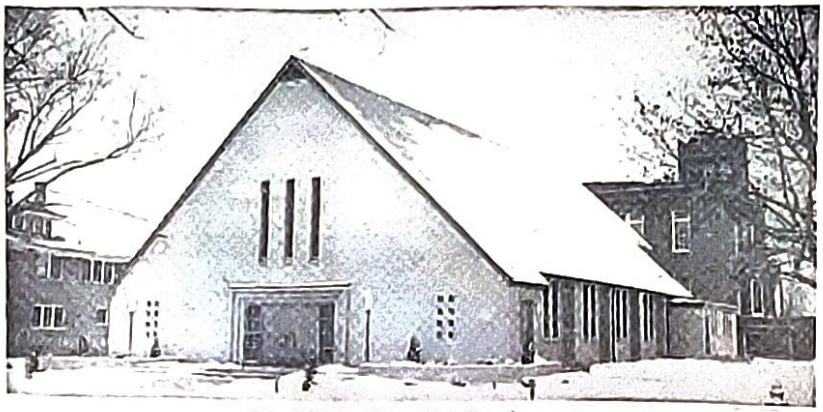
Rev. Kreinheder said he first noticed the fire at 9:30 p.m. and summoned members of the local fire department, who left after putting out the blaze.

While Rev. Kreinheder was staying at the Catholic monastery operated by Sylvestrian Benedictine Fathers, the fire broke out again. This time nothing was left but smoking ruins.

Rev. Kreinheder intends to rebuild his little retreat, but he doesn't know when or how—the insurance covers only a small bit of the loss. The Lutheran monk was especially grieved by the loss of his books, since it was a collection of many rare European volumes.

During the past few years Rev. Kreinheder has given retreats at his home to hundreds of people who stayed at his place anywhere from a few days to several weeks.

Rev. Kreinheder said he is the founder and sole member of the Congregation of the Servants of Christ, but expressed the hope that the monastic order will grow.



St. Rita Church, Saginaw

Saginaw's Downtown Parish ...Our Lady of Mount Carmel

SAGINAW—In 1911 Bishop Richter of Grand Rapids instructed Father Alfred Hyland, assistant at Saginaw St. Mary's, to take a census and organize the Italian families of Saginaw into a parish. The census showed 120 families, so a drive was begun to raise money for the purchase of the German Methodist Episcopal church, at 123 No. Warren ave., which was built in 1858. Joseph Meo was named chairman of the drive. The bishop appointed Father Hyland chaplain of St. Mary's Hospital, where he lived, and pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church.

On Easter Sunday in 1913 the first Mass was celebrated in the new church and on May 13, 1913, Bishop Richter blessed the church.

Holy Family school was opened in 1916 with an enrollment of 78 pupils. Because the Sisters' living quarters above the school were very inadequate, a home across the street at 128 N. Warren was purchased as a convent in 1918. In 1921 this house was enlarged and improved.

In 1918 a building in the rear of the convent was purchased for classrooms to accommodate the increased number of pupils. In 1921 this building was partially destroyed by fire but was repaired and used until June, 1950.

The current enrollment of the school consists of 108 pupils.

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Fr. Kenny's Pastorate

FATHER HYLAND died on June 15, 1929.

Bishop Pinten of Grand Rapids appointed Father James D. Kenny as pastor of Mt. Carmel Church, and chaplain of St. Mary's Hospital on Oct. 18, 1929.

In 1933 the bishop relieved Father Kenny of the chaplaincy of the hospital to enable him to devote his entire time to the parish. As the parish did not have a rectory, Father Kenny rented an upstairs apartment at 227 N. Weadock where he resided until 1938 when a small one-story house at 127 N. Weadock was purchased for $3,800 to serve as a rectory.

In April, 1940, a lot on the corner of Weadock and Tuscola, adjoining the rectory, was purchased for $3,500 as a site for the new church. Bishop Murphy blessed the corner stone on Dec. 8, 1940.

On June 15, 1941, the $46,500 church was dedicated by Bishop William Murphy.

Enrollment of the school had declined considerably during the early 40's so the old original building on Warren Ave. was sold for $6,000 which was applied to the debt on the new church. About June, 1944, the entire debt was liquidated and efforts were then made to accumulate funds for a new $44,500 rectory. This was completed in April 1949. The old rectory had been sold for $1,500 and moved away.

Fr. Joseph F. Favara
Present Pastor

In January, 1950, a lot adjoining the convent on the south was purchased from the Salvation Army for $5,000. This allowed sufficient space to build a school on the rear of the new two lots.

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New School Dedicated

FREDERICK E. Wigen was engaged as architect to proceed with plans and specifications. When school closed in June, the old building was demolished and Charles C. Englehardt Construction Co. of Bay City was contracted to build the new school for $72,000.

The building was to consist of three classrooms, corridors, and regular facilities including a large parish hall in the basement equipped with a kitchen and stage. Construction began early in June and was sufficiently completed so it could be in use after Christmas vacation.

Bishop Woznicki dedicated the new school on May 20, 1951, in the presence of a large gathering of parishioners and former teachers. The Catholic War Veterans donated a flag pole and the American Legion donated a flag which was blessed and raised on the same occasion.

The school yard was later fenced in. Total cost of the new school, including equipment, was $80,000.

After serving Mt. Carmel for 25 years, Father James D. Kenny died on June 21, 1954 at St. Mary's Hospital after an illness of about a year. He assumed many duties in life and performed them well. He was active in fraternal and civic affairs. He was a member of the Phillips-Elliot-Hidges-Van Auken American Legion Post No. 22, of Saginaw. He was elected chaplain of that organization in 1932, 1933 and 1938.

He was chaplain of K. C. Council 593 for 24 years continuously. He was also named Faithful Friar of K. C. Fourth Degree Assembly in Saginaw in 1947. Father Kenny served as Chaplain of the Daughters of Isabella of the Saginaw District and as Spiritual director of the Federation of Catholic Nurses. Until his death he was the spiritual director of the Legion of Mary Curia.

Father Guido Gori had been appointed assistant at Mt. Carmel on Feb. 26, 1954 and he served until Sept. 9, 1954 when the appointment of Father Joseph F. Favara became effective.

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Convent Built

THE THIRD Order of Mt. Car-

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Urban Renewal Projects Cause Decline in Parish

SAGINAW—On Aug. 3, 1911, a group of Polish residents met with Fr. Simon Poganis, Holy Rosary pastor, to plan the new St. Rita parish. The committee bought the present church property at 18th and Mercer for $425.

Actual construction of the church lagged until 1920 when a fund campaign raised the money necessary to begin construction of the building.

On Christmas Day, 1920, the St. Rita parishioners met in the basement of the present school to hear the first mass in their own building. Fr. Andrew Bienawski served as pastor until the appointment of Fr. Stanley Sikorski on Feb. 2, 1922.

Under Fr. Sikorski's direction the church-school building was finished in 1924. The school opened the same year with Dominican teachers conducting 8 grades. In 1925 the pastor's home was built at 1419 N. 18th.

Additional property was purchased and in 1929 a home adjacent to the pastor's residence was purchased as a convent for the Sisters.

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Present Church Built

FR. ANDREW Narloch became St. Rita pastor on March 18, 1938, following the death of Fr. Sikorski.

The parish debt was paid off and a fund for a new building to replace the temporary church was begun.

When Fr. Andrew Narloch was transferred to Bay City St. Hyacinth in 1943, He was succeeded at St. Rita's by his brother, Fr. Stephen Narloch.

Following a fund drive in which $60,000 was raised, construction began on May 12, 1950, on the new church. The general contract was awarded to the R. C. Hendrick & Sons Company.

Architect was Frederick E. Wigen. The cornerstone was blessed on Sept. 3, 1950, by Bishop Woznicki.

First mass in the new church was offered on May 6, 1951. Dedication came on June 10, 1951, with Bishop Woznicki officiating. Fr. Stephen Narloch was celebrant at a solemn mass of thanksgiving in the presence of the Bishop. Fr. Andrew Narloch preached the sermon.

The new stations of the cross were blessed by Msgr. Felix Vogt, on May 27, 1951. Bishop Woznicki consecrated the marble altar on Nov. 18, 1951. Seating capacity of the church today is 600.

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Parishioners Decline

THE PARISH, which had grown from 87 families to 270, has in the past five years seen a steady decline in membership, a fact due in great part to the Urban Renewal development going on in the area served by the parish.

Fr. Francis S. Lukowicz
Present Pastor

Fr. Stephen Narloch was taken from the parish by death following a heart attach on Jan. 30, 1959.

Father Francis Lukowicz was installed as pastor on March 9, 1959, by the late Monsignor Harold J. Bolton, Dean of the Saginaw area.

Under the leadership of Father Lukowicz new desks were purchased for the school and the church was completely redecorated.

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Religious Vocations

FIVE YOUNG men of the parish have been ordained priests. They are: Fr. Edmund Smiegel; Fr. Ronald Kryzink, whose family moved to Bay City shortly before his ordination; Fr. Harold Sikorski, American College, Louvain, Belgium, July 1, 1956; Fr. Raphael J. Michalski, North American College, Rome, on Dec. 16, 1956; and Fr. Richard E. Jozwiak, North American College, Rome, Dec. 20, 1959.

Frater Rene Barczak and his brother Timothy Barczak are seminarians with the Franciscan and the Divine Word Fathers.

Eleven women have entered the religious life.

Sister Mary Sophia Kubiak is with the Sisters of Mercy.

The remaining 10 are with the Dominican Sisters of Grand Rapids: Sister Theodore Mary Brzeczkiewicz; Sister Mary Pelagia Litkowski, Sister Martin de Porres Kostrzewa, Sister Mary Beata Bugala, Sister Mary Thomasine Bugala, Sister Mary Rosella Bugala, Sister John

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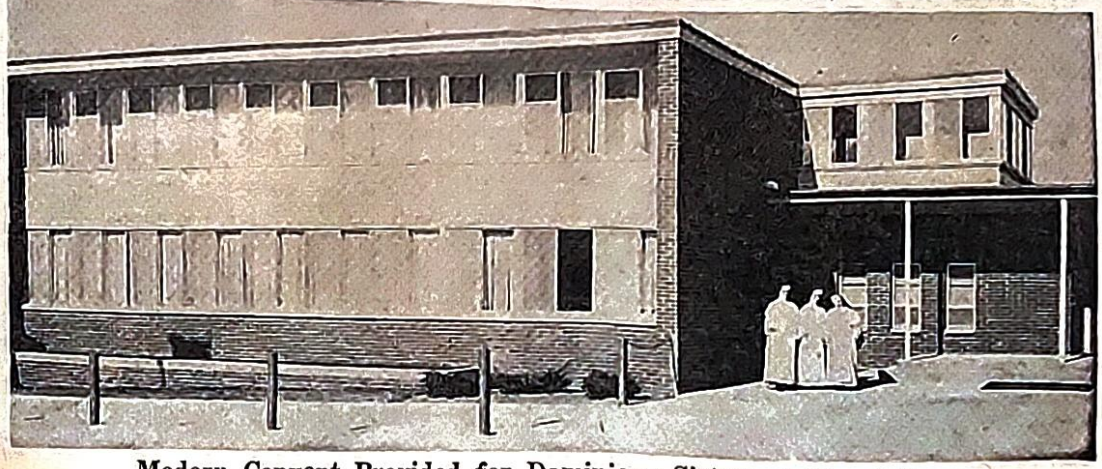

Modern Convent Provided for Dominican Sisters at Mount Carmel

St. Mary Cathedral Had First Parochial School in Diocese

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Emmitsburg, Maryland, assumed charge of the institution.

In the lumbering days of this section of Michigan, St. Mary's Hospital came into prominence for its care of injured and maimed woodsmen.

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Parish Growth Continues

FATHER VAN der Bom was also the main push behind the founding of St. Vincent's Orphanage. This institution, also under the care of the Sisters of Charity, was founded in 1875 by Father van der Bom and Sister Cecilia Casey, one of the hospital nuns, and was first opened in a small house on Hoyt street.

Soon thereafter a wooden building at the corner of Howard and Emerson streets was erected through the liberality of Catholic laymen. It was destroyed in the great fire of May 20, 1893.

In 1895 the present brick structure was opened.

Through the efforts of Father van der Bom, Calvary Cemetery, East of Hoyt Park, was opened in 1868 with a burial tract of four acres. This was the first Catholic cemetery in the Saginaw area. In 1881 an additional three and a half acres were purchased. With the eventual sale of all its lots and the impossibility of acquiring more land, it became necessary in 1910 to acquire the present Mt. Olivet Cemetery property.

Burials are still made occasionally in Calvary Cemetery which continues to be maintained by the Catholic Cemetery Commission. Nearly 10,000 persons lie buried in the Calvary graveyard.

The tremendous growth of the parish is clearly indicated in a census which Father van der Bom took of his families inside the city limits in January, 1872.

Parishioners	2,076
Communicants	1,286
Families	378
English Families	202
German Families	75
French Families	52
Bohemian and Polish Families	49
Catholics in Service	102
Boarders	104

In 1872 there were five teachers, one a lay woman, staffing the parish school, because of increased enrollment.

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Parish Divided

IT WAS THE large size of the parish which led Father van der Bom to supervise construction of St. Joseph's Church in northeast Saginaw in 1873.

The German families of the parish wanted their own parish too, and, in 1874, they formed Sacred Heart parish.

The total number of the communicants of St. Mary's in 1874, the year of the division, was 1,432 persons.

The "separation" of the parish was a good thing for St. Joseph's and Sacred Heart parishes, but it temporarily played hob with St. Mary's.

The school enrollment dropped so much that only two IHM Sisters returned for the opening of school in August, 1874. In July, 1875, they went home to their Motherhouse never to return for the reasons that their rule required at least three nuns in each religious house and the order was hard pressed for Sisters.

Father van der Bom immediately entered into negotiations with the Sisters of Providence of St. Mary-of-the-Woods, Ind., to staff the parish school.

At the time, the Catholics of the parish were burdened with the debt on St. Mary's Hospital and could not afford to build a new school. The original church building, which had hitherto housed the school, was now too old for longer use.

An agreement was made by which the Sisters would build a school at their own expense on land owned by the parish. Bishop Borgess quit-claimed the property to the Sisters of Providence on April 5, 1878.

The Sisters came in August, 1878, to take charge of their new and commodious brick structure, which they turned into an academy for high school girls and a grade school for both girls and boys.

The Academy graduated its first class consisting of two young women on June 25, 1879. The first annual commencement was called "an enjoyable occasion."

The Sisters supported themselves, but none too well, with income from the school. Finally they withdrew from the parish in July, 1907, after 29 years of fruitful labor in the cause of Catholic education.

On July 11, 1910, they deeded their Academy property back to Bishop Lefevre for the parish.

While on the subject of St. Mary's school, we will add that its present teachers, the Dominican Sisters of Grand Rapids, took over the school in the fall of 1907. For 55 years the Sisters of this order have devoted themselves unstintingly to the education of the parish youth.

From 1908 onward the school has been co-educational.

In 1912, after due examination, the school was admitted to the accredited list of the University of Michigan, and, in March, 1926, to that of the North Central Association.

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Parish Recovers

BUT, TO GET back to the "separation."

In meeting of Jan. 4, 1874, the Church Committee, composed of six laymen and Father van der Bom, resolved that their secretary should send by mail the bill of amount due to St. Mary's to certain parties who "forgot to pay pew rent at the separation of the parish."

Though dealt quite a serious blow when two parishes were formed from its families, St. Mary's gradually recovered; so much so that in 1881 the parish numbered about 2,000 souls and more than 2,500 in 1913. Today it counts 1,000 families and 4,351 individual members.

It seems strange to record that in 1874, and as late as 1881, Father van der Bom is reported as still preaching in the German language, the one with which he was the most familiar, next to his native Holland Dutch. "The regular services of the Church are similar to those of all other Catholic Churches, with the one exception, that the sermon is preached in the German tongue." This was written in 1881.

Father van der Bom left Saginaw on July 6, 1889, to return to his native Holland. He was then 54 years of age. On the journey he was accompanied by his good friend and fellow Hollander, Father Schutjes of Bay City.

Before leaving the city, he was tendered a farewell tribute at the close of the Academy graduation exercises.

The Saginaw Courier of June 26, 1889, describes it thus: "The exercise ended with a rendition of a Sacred Chorus. But before this an address in verse was given by Father van der Bom with members of the Academy uniting in wishing for the Reverend gentleman a pleasant voyage and visit to Europe and a safe return to his pastorate and people whom he has served faithfully for a quarter century."

He was never to return. He died in the town of Hulbergen, Holland, on March 16, 1899, at 64 years of age.

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Present Church Built

FATHER MICHAEL Dalton came to St. Mary's as pastor in August, 1889.

To this native Irishman goes the credit for the construction of the present parish Church. He got to work on this project less than a year after his appointment.

You can easily imagine the activity which ensued once the decision was made to build the new church.

On Aug. 14, 1900, a committee was put to work soliciting funds. John Runchey was named chairman of the building committee on Jan. 29, 1901.

The firm of Clarence L. Cowles of Saginaw was engaged for the architectural work and Spence Brothers, also of Saginaw, were the "carpentry contractors."

The old wooden church building, which had been built in 1863 and had served its congregation so well for 40 years, was moved to some lots at the Southeast corner of Hoyt and Owen streets. It was used for divine worship while the new edifice was being constructed and was razed to the ground on Aug. 16, 1903. The property was eventually sold to make room for houses.

Sketches of the new building were published in the local newspapers on April 1, 1901, to the edification of their readers, Catholic as well as non-Catholic.

The cornerstone for the building was laid by Bishop Henry J. Richter on Sunday, Aug. 4, 1901.

Work on the church progressed even during the cold winter months, with the big trusses being raised and put in place on Dec. 5, 1901.

Originally estimated to cost in the neighborhood of $25,000.00, the church was finished at a cost of "about $40,000.00."

Bishop Richter solemnly consecrated the new Church on July 23, 1903.

The preacher at the consecration was Father Joseph Schrembs then Vicar General of the Grand Rapids Diocese and later Archbishop—Bishop of Cleveland, who chose as his text the words of Genesis 28:17: "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the House of God; this is the Gate of Heaven."

This was the first of three dedicatory services which took place to honor the occasion.

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School Built In 1921

EVEN NOW, 60 years later, one must admire the vision and the resourcefulness of this zealous priest in effecting the construction of this church, which still remains a useful and fitting house of worship.

Father Dalton died in Mercy Hospital, Bay City, on Oct. 9, 1913, at 61 years of age and after 24 years of service in the parish.

Father Edward A. Caldwell was appointed pastor of St. Mary's in November, 1913.

Though born in Detroit, Father Caldwell was raised from the age of two years as a member of the same parish which he was to serve as pastor for 22 years.

Father Caldwell it was who saw to the construction of the present parish school building.

The year 1920 witnessed the tearing down of the old historic convent and school, the breaking of ground for the present modern school structure, and the remodelling of the convent on Thompson street.

The students occupied their new quarters in February, 1921.

The approximate cost of construction was $300,000, of which half was paid before and after construction, the other half becoming the greatest burden of Father Caldwell's pastoral administration and eventually forcing him to resign his pastorate.

To defray the building expense, the sum of $160,000 at 6 percent interest was borrowed from the Bank of Saginaw on June 23, 1920.

During the ensuing years the parish paid $43,805 on the principal and $116,652 in interest. As of May 26, 1938 (the date of the settlement of the debt by Monsignor Felix Vogt, the successor of Father Caldwell), there was still due in principal the sum of $116,194 and in interest $26,138.

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Hit by Depression

THE PARISH would easily have paid the debt were it not for the so-called "Great Depression" of the early 1930s and the ill health which began to afflict Father Caldwell beginning in August, 1934.

Through the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, the parish was saved from bankruptcy when the debt was settled with the bank for $86,556.00, a saving to the parish of $55,776.00.

Monsignor Vogt appended this note to his report of the transaction: "It appears from the above that over $87,000.00 was paid to the Bank of Saginaw for the use of the money in the amounts stated above during 18 years."

We will take leave of the school (which, next to the parish church itself, forms the heart of parish life) with the observation that St. Mary's has produced 1,857 high school graduates in the course of its existence—young men and women fortified, not only with knowledge of the arts and sciences, but with understanding of "the truths that are eternal." They were taught to be good citizens of this life and of the life to come.

Considered in this light, all the worry and sacrifice involved in constructing and maintaining the school down through the years have been well worth while.

It will interest the clergy reading this history to learn that St. Mary's was declared an "irremovable parish," with the solemnities required by Canon 454, No. 3, by Bishop Edward D. Kelly on October 22, 1925. . . a further testimonial of the esteem which St. Mary's parish has held in the minds of its bishops. This provision of Church Law gives its pastors a greater degree of stability in their tenure of office.

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Cathedral Status

FATHER Caldwell, for the reasons mentioned above, resigned the parish on Sept. 20, 1935, and was made pastor of St. James Church, Bay City, which post he held until his death on Feb. 18, 1939.

Father Felix Vogt succeeded him on Nov. 1, 1935.

For 20 years this kindly, jovial priest guided the destinies of the parish and its people.

The weekly Novena to Our Sorrowful Mother was inaugurated by Father Vogt in the parish on Friday, Dec. 23, 1938, and has been held without interruption from that time to this, a full 24 years.

It was during Father Vogt's regime that the parish was given its greatest honor when it was named the Cathedral of of the newly-formed Diocese of Saginaw.

The factors which influenced its selection over the other parishes of the area were the large seating capacity of its Church, its especially large sanctuary, and the great size of its membership.

On the first day of June, 1938, Most Rev. William F. Murphy, the first Bishop of Saginaw, ascended his episcopal throne on the Gospel side of St. Mary's Cathedral Church.

This was probably the proudest moment in the history of St. Mary's parish. Now St. Mary's, called "the largest and most influential of the Roman Catholic parishes of this city," had become the mother church of the entire 16-county Diocese.

So far, 25 years afterwards, a total of 89 young men have been ordained by their Bishops to the Sacred Priesthood in the Sanctuary of St. Mary's, a number which constitutes more than half of the present clergy of the Diocese.

In 1941 Father Vogt (he was made a monsignor on Oct. 25, 1945) saw to the extensive remodelling and redecorating of the Church to make it fit for its new status.

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First Synod Held

THE FIRST Synod of the new Diocese was held in St. Mary's on March 22, 1945, the bishop and his priests formulating local legislation for the efficient operation of the diocese.

The rectory was completely made over and enlarged in 1948. An addition was later made to the school building.

Monsignor Vogt resigned his Cathedral pastorate because of ill health on Sept. 7, 1955, and was immediately appointed its "Pastor Emeritus" by Bishop Wozniicki.

He died at St. Mary's Hospital, Saginaw, on July 1, 1958, greatly mourned by his flock.

Monsignor Harold J. Bolton was appointed as Monsignor Vogt's successor on September 30, 1955.

In the short seven years of his charge, Monsignor Bolton supervised the construction of a new convent for the sisters teaching in the parish school. Completed in 1958, it is one of the finest sisters' residences in the area.

He was responsible, too, for starting a parish credit union which was chartered on July 15, 1956, and presently possesses assets of $230,000.

A parish library, begun in 1956, now houses 1,700 volumes of good Catholic reading.

Two years ago a temporary classroom unit, called "Aquin Hall," was completed on the parish site to provide for two of the elementary grades.

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Present Pastor

MONSIGNOR Bolton's untimely death on Aug. 17, 1962, at 61 years of age, ended plans for even greater accomplishments in the parish.

The incumbent pastor, Monsignor Eugene A. Forbes, was installed on Sept. 5, 1962.

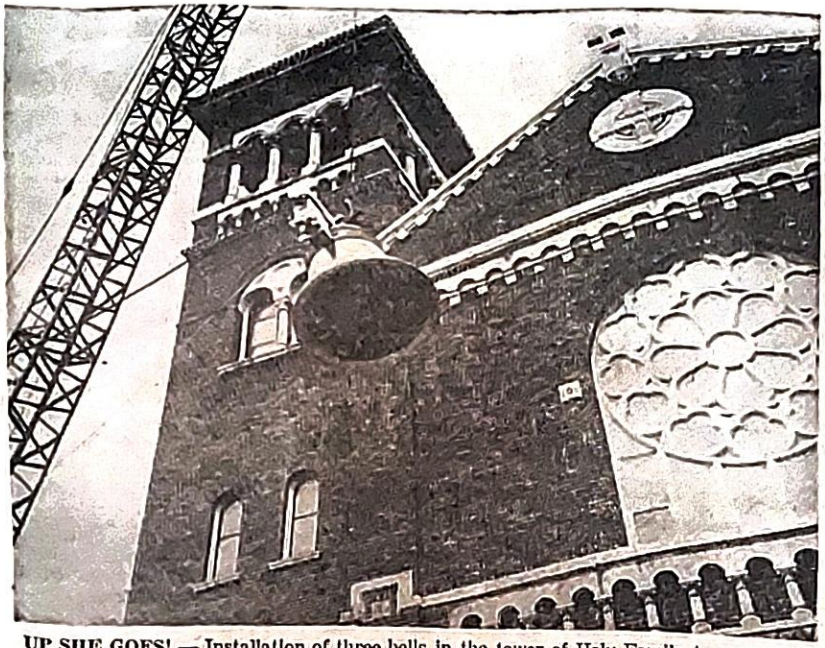
In summary, there seems no better way to outline the great good accomplished through the years by means of this temple of God than to relate that, in the years of its existence, it has been a means of regenerating 9,366 souls in the Sacrament of Baptism. Some 2,603 couples have been united in the bonds of Holy Matrimony within its hallowed walls. And the earthly remains of 8,602 persons have, after the final rites of the Church, been ushered through its portals to their final resting place in quiet waiting for the Day of their Judgment.

How right Bishop Schrembs was sixty years ago when he said, "This is none other than the House of God; this is the Gate of Heaven."

Consecration Dates Set by Two Bishops

OTTAWA, Ont., (NC) — Bishop-designate Norman J. Gallagher will be consecrated here Sept. 12 as an Auxiliary Bishop of Ottawa by Archbishop Sebastiano Baggio, Apostolic Delegate to Canada.

On Aug. 29 in Quebec City Archbishop Maurice Roy of Quebec will consecrate the Most Rev. Laurent Noel as an Auxiliary Bishop of Quebec City.



UP SHE GOES! — Installation of three bells in the tower of Holy Family in June, 1962 marked final completion of the church which many regard as a classic structure of Michigan.

Church, School Renovated by Saginaw Holy Family Parish

SAGINAW—In June or July of 1892, three men of French-Canadian origin presented themselves to Bishop Richter of Grand Rapids. Representing the French-speaking families of Saginaw and vicinity, they asked him to establish a church on the property which they had purchased the previous year.

The bishop was kind but noncommittal and they were completely taken by surprise when some four months later, Fr. Napoleon Nazaire Poulin was appointed the first pastor of Holy Family Church.

Father Poulin, in spite of his frail health, immediately began his apostolic work and before the end of the year, the cornerstone for the new combination church and school building was laid. It was built primarily as a school but the upper floor was used as a parish church and the pastor lived in one of the class rooms. While Father Poulin resided at St. Andrew's rectory, he offered one Mass each Sunday for his people in St. Andrew Church.

In August, 1893, Father Poulin was stricken with tuberculosis and after an assistant had been given to him, he left for Denver The parishioners looked forward, anxiously, to his return within a year, but he never regained his health and died in Mercy hospital, Manistee, in May, 1903.

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Fr. Prudhomme Arrives

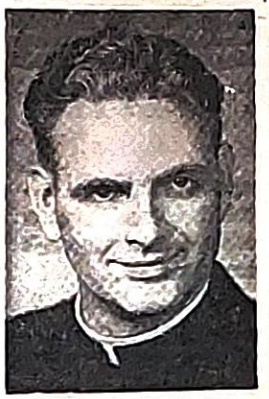
DURING THE Christmas Season of 1898, Father Edward Racette was appointed administrator of the parish, coming to Saginaw from St. Simon's in Ludington. His administration was very successful because he was able to speak to the people in both English and French at the Sunday Mass.

Although Father Racette was very much interested in the Catholic education of some 250 school-age children, there was very little money available and the plan to open the school had to be abandoned temporarily.

In the Spring of 1903, he was transferred to St. Michael's Church, Pinconning.

His successor at Holy Family was Father Prudhomme. He had received a very special order to proceed with the opening of the school but he met with discouragement all along the way. The classrooms had to be furnished and the rectory needed numerous repairs.

The people did not respond to the challenge and when the Dominican Sisters of Grand Rapids arrived to take charge of the school, they hardly found the minimum requirements. However, they did the best they could under the circumstances.



Fr. Thomas R. Horton
Present Pastor

On Feb. 6, 1898, St. John the Baptist Church in Carrollton burned and the people had not been able to build a new one. During the years that followed, they had no resident pastor and the care of it devolved upon the assistant of Holy Family church.

Fathers John Blain, John Mulvey, Fred Williams, Joseph Barrette, each in the order named, served as assistants to Father Prudhomme from 1903 to 1911.

To Father Prudhomme goes the credit for rebuilding the church of St. John the Baptist in Carrollton. It was begun in 1908 and blessed in 1913. As a result of the work and worry of building the Carrollton Church, Father Prudhomme's health began to fail and he was transferred to St. Mary's Church, Manistee.

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Monsignor Surprenant

FATHER JOHN B. Surprenant was appointed to take his place as pastor on June 30, 1911. On Sept. 5, 1911, Father Barrette became the pastor of both Zilwaukee and Carrollton and lived in Carrollton.

Father Surprentant had come to Saginaw from St. Mary's church, Manistee, in an exchange of parishes with Father Prudhomme. He labored alone in the parish from 1911 to 1926.

Bishop Richter had told him when he appointed him pastor, "you must start on the work of building a church. The people of Holy Family must have a church."

Bishop Richter himself chose the design, that of an early Christian Basilica. The cornerstone of the church was laid on October 8, 1915, by Bishop Michael J. Gallagher, then coadjutor Bishop of Grand Rapids.

It was estimated that the church would cost $85,000, with some $25,000 on hand to start. The foundation alone had been finished when the United States entered World War I and nothing more could be done on the church.

After the war ended, Bishop Edward D. Kelly, appointed Bishop of Grand Rapids on Jan. 1, 1919, encouraged Father Surprenant to complete the church.

Proceeding with great energy, he completed the structure of the church in 1923. The final cost was $123,000. The church was dedicated on Memorial Day, 1923.

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High School Started

FROM THE years 1911 to 1923, Holy Family had a grade school and when the opening of the church gave more room for the school, Father Surprenant was able to begin a high school. During the depresion the high

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St. Joseph Parish Acts to Meet Challenge of Times

SAGINAW — The challenge of the times is being met by St. Joseph here as the Diocese of Saginaw marks the 25th anniversary of the consecration of Bishop Woznicki and of the Diocese of Saginaw.

This past spring, St. Joseph, along with neighboring Sacred Heart Parish, embarked on a unique school reorganization plan which should prove beneficial to both parishes.

St. Joseph High school, which was established in 1896, and in the past year enrolled 100 students in grades nine through twelve, will this fall serve an increased enrollment representing high school students — grades ten through twelve — from both Sacred Heart and St. Joseph parishes.

Sacred Heart High School which has operated a four year high school program since 1949, will in turn provide a junior high school program, grades seven through nine, for students of both parishes.

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Mutual Benefit Seen

BOTH SCHOOLS are staffed by the Dominican Sisters of Grand Rapids.

Saginaw Diocesan School Superintendent Fr. Olin J. Murdick predicts that "the merger of these two school, grades seven through twelve, will result immediately in an improved instructional program to both schools.

"St. Joseph High School, which is present accredited by the University of Michigan, Bureau of Social Services, will be better able to provide the full range of educational opportunities required in a modern high school.

"The high school facilities now in use in Sacred Heart parish will be used to better advantage in providing the vertical instructional program which is so desired at the intermediate level.

"The children on all levels, seven through twelve, will receive a better education. Their needs will be better met by the more diversified program which will be possible under the reorganization plan."

Operation of the merged schools, grades seven through twelve, will be the joint responsibility of the school boards of both parishes under the direction of Fr. Theodore E. LaMarre, St. Joseph pastor, and Fr. Robert H. Keller, Sacred Heart pastor.

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New School Rising

NEW EMPHASIS to the St. Joseph forward-looking approach came last month when ground was broken for the new St. Joseph Elementary school.

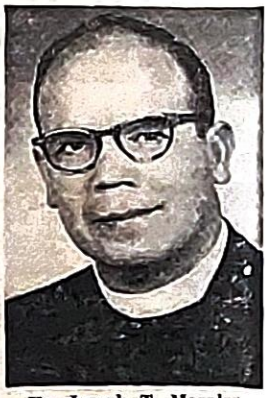
The structure is being built on N. 7th St., north of the present school, on property formerly occupied by the Guadalupe Center Clinic.

Included in the 83 by 76 foot one story building will be four elementary classrooms, each containing 900 square feet, a little larger than the standard size elementary classroom.

The building is designed so that in the future it can be expanded north as necessary. Type of construction utilized is brick and block walls with laminated wood beams and tectum room construction.

A programmed clock system and fire alarm system is planned. Heating will be gas-fired hot water with unit ventilation in each classroom.

Fr. Theodore LaMarre
Present Pastor



Fr. Joseph T. Morales
Present Assistant

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Originally Irish

ST. JOSEPH Parish history dates back to 1873 when Catholics, under the encouragement of Fr. R. Vanderbom constructed a church at the corner of 6th and Sears.

When the church was dedicated on Sept. 7, 1873, the parish was comprised of 135 families, predominantly Irish.

In the course of the years, the Irish population was superceded by people of different races and nationalities.

St. Joseph Interracial Council was formed in 1951 under the direction of Fr. Vaughn. It seeks to further understanding, justice and charity among the racial groups of the parish and

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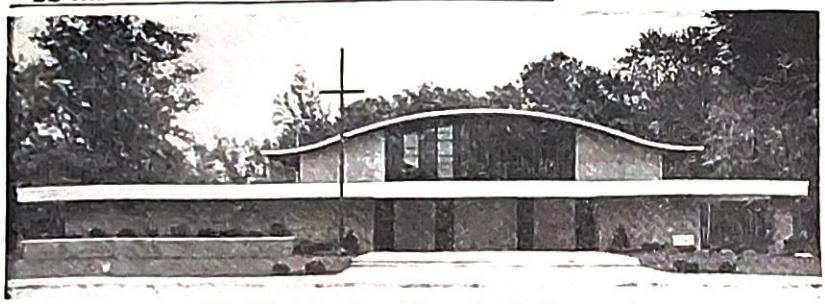
St. Joseph Federal Credit Union Building



St. Christopher Church, Bridgeport

Bridgeport Parish Debtless Today—

Religious Instruction Greatest Problem Facing St. Christopher's

BRIDGEPORT — On Oct. 11, 1950, responding to the wishes of numerous Catholic families living in the eastern section of Bridgeport Township, Bishop Woznicki authorized the establishment of St. Christopher Parish, with Fr. Francis A. Jurek as first pastor.

There followed a period of about 14 months during which Mass was offered each Sunday in the Bridgeport Township Hall, starting with Sunday, Nov. 5, 1950.

During this period a private home at 3280 Dixie Court was purchased, on Nov. 7, to serve as a rectory; and on Aug. 17, 1951, a parcel of land, approximately six and a half acres in size, a small house and the Blue Moon Dance Hall were acquired near the corner of Williamson and Washington Roads, the present parish site.

The work of renovating the dance hall was started immediately; this work, done so well by the men of the parish, resulted in the attractive little mission-like church in which the first Mass was offered at Midnight on Christmas, 1951.

Because the Blue Moon was a large building, approximately 90 feet square, it provided room not only for a church of 350 seating capacity, but also — under the same roof—for an adequate parish hall.

A large kitchen was later added to this section of the building.

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Present Rectory Bought

MEANWHILE, in the very early days at St. Christopher's Fr. Emmett R. Fitzpatrick was associated with Father Jurek in the difficult work of organization.

When this work had sufficiently progressed, a new pastor was assigned, the Rev. Fr. Edward J. Szturmowski, appointed on Sept. 12, 1951.

During his pastorate the Dixie Court rectory was sold and another private home, at 3926 Williamson road, directly across from the parish property, was acquired on Sept. 12, 1953.

This house, now enlarged, is the present rectory. With it was purchased a triangular piece of property, a little over two acres in size, at the junction of Washington and Williamson Roads.

On Nov. 18, 1953, Fr. Frederick J. Maynard, the present pastor, was appointed to St. Christopher's.

At the time of his appointment, because of the good pastoral work done by his predecessors, and because of the beginnings of real growth in the Bridgeport area, the parish numbered 220 families.

The foundations had been laid, the parish was established, and it was ready to absorb the great increase in the number of Catholic families which would result from the real estate developments and subdivisions of the coming years.

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More Land Acquired

THE GROWTH AT St. Christopher's from 1953 through 1962 has paralleled the growth of the Bridgeport community. The parish now numbers 500 families.

As growth increased during this ten-year period, improvements on the parish grounds and the parish buildings followed year after year.

On Oct. 10, 1954, a large area in front of and to the side of the church was asphalted for driveway and parking lot. The changes in the rectory, mentioned above, consisting of the addition of an office, housekeeper's quarters, closed-in porch, and two-car garage, were completed on Aug. 8, 1955.

During 1956 and 1957 a concentrated effort was made to pay off the parish debt, and on October 1, 1957, with the final payment made, St. Christopher's was debt-free for the first time.

To meet the needs of future expansion, and to insure sufficient property for such buildings as a new church, a school, and a convent, as well as parking areas and playgrounds, the pastor and Church Committee had hoped for some years to acquire additional acreage adjacent to the church property.

This was accomplished on Nov. 20, 1958, when the parish purchased a house and ten acres of land to the east at a cost of $35,000. This parcel, 195 feet wide, extended from Williamson Road to the Dixie Highway.

Later, on Jan. 19, 1960, five acres of this parcel, at the Dixie Highway end, were sold to Consumers Power co. for $21,000.

The five acres bordering on

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Fr. Frederick J. Maynard
Present Pastor

Era of Expansion at Bridgeport Assumption

BRIDGEPORT — Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a parish since 1899, was once one of the smallest parishes in the Diocese of Grand Rapids. It was established by Father Alexander Lipinski together with 22 founders of Polish extraction.

Thru its tender years it was administered to by a succession of pastors from such parishes as Saginaw St. George, Holy Family, St. Mary's Cathedral; as well as chaplains from St. Mary's hospital and St. Vincent's home. Finally, in the last ten years it was under the care of the Franciscan Fathers of St. Leonard's Friary in Saginaw.

During the years from 1947 to 1951 the parish carried out many improvements, such as the enlargement and redecoration of the church; construction of a parish hall; purchase and operation of a school bus; installation of new pews; and drilling a 97-foot well for water. In 1951, the hall was enlarged to include restrooms and a larger kitchen.

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Buy Land for Expansion

IN 1951, Father Matthew Bochanowski, O.F.M., together with the Church committee decided to purchase an extra four acres of land, so as to increase the total acreage of church property to provide for future expansion.

The School of Religion was initiated by Father Matthew in 1952 for all children who were attending public schools. Consequently, a staff of five teachers undertook the teaching duties.

The present teaching staff includes Mrs. Alben Smith; Mrs. George Thomas, Mrs. Joseph Warzecha, Rosemary Musial and Mary Zdrojkowski— with a total number of children attending classes close to 200 in 12 grades.

Fr. Sigmund Zalewski, OFM
Present Pastor

In 1954 the cemetery committee, headed by Doff Pawlanta and Alben Smith together with the pastor, then Father Robert Michalski, O.F.M., set forth plans to improve the cemetery property on Dorwood road. A new fence was put up and a well was drilled for a water supply.

In September of 1960, Father Walter Janik, O.F.M., received permission from the bishop to purchase a new furnace for the church. At the same time men of the parish laid a water line from the well to the church sacristy.

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Rectory Built

THE ARDENT desire of the parishioners for a rectory found some satisfaction in the introduce of the Rectory Building Fund. This was put into effect already under Father Matthew. But it remained for Father Walter, who so diligently encouraged the people, to make this dream a reality.

A meeting of the men of the parish was called on Jan. 14, 1962. At this time a committee was selected to undertake arrangements for the erection of the new parish rectory which was to be started in the spring. It was decided that this building was to be built by the volunteer labor of the parishioners.

In the week of May 20, the project got under way with the digging of the basement. All the work was done by the men of the parish under the direction of the building committee headed by Lancy LaRose and George Warzecha.

Thru the months, from May until November, the new rectory began to grow and take shape. Finally, it was sufficiently completed to have the new pastor move in. On Sunday, Oct. 21, an open house was held for the parishioners.

A shower was held in connection with the open house, at which time the new pastor Father Sigmund Zalewski, O.F.M., was introduced to the people. The following Sunday Father Sigmund officially took on the duties of a pastor.

An open house was held for the priests from neighboring parishes as well as former pastors. Msgr. Eugene A. Forbes blessed the new rectory and dedicated it in honor of Christ the King.

The parish is experiencing a new type of growth and expansion. Now, being a parish with its own resident priest, the parishioners are able to attend daily Mass. They are happy to have the privilege of having the Eucharistic Lord dwell in their midst night and day. Another milestone has been reached.

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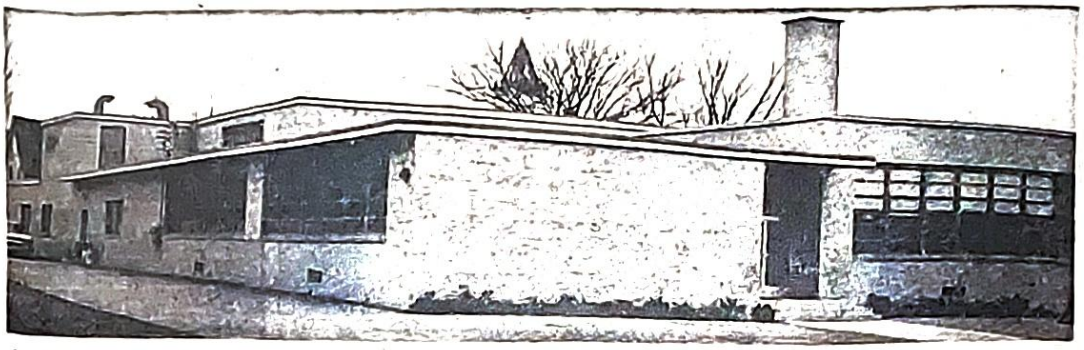
Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary Rectory, Bridgeport



FIRST PAROCHIAL school in Gratiot county in 1950, Alma St. Mary's added three classrooms and a parish hall in 1959 at a cost of $142,000.

Alma St. Mary's Goal: New Church in 5 Years

ALMA IS A thriving community of some 9,000 population in the northwest section of Gratiot County. At the time plans were being made to erect a Catholic Church to serve the Catholic population in 1905, Alma had only 2,000 inhabitants.

Alma was highly favored in material things but for a long time there were very few Catholics living there. Strong anti-Catholic influences were adverse to the rapid increase in the Catholic population. Through the years this anti-Catholic feeling has decreased and at the present time there are few worries on that score.

Until 1906 the territory of the present Alma parish was served from the parish in Hemlock. Recognizing the blessings to be derived from a church located in Alma, Fr. John E. Troy, pastor of Hemlock, in the year 1903, purchased the church property that faced on the present Wright park.

On June 27, 1905, the cornerstone of the new church was laid by the Very Rev. Joseph Schrembs of Grand Rapids in the presence of a large group of people of all denominations.

The following year Bishop Joseph Richter of Grand Rapids dedicated the new church under the title of St. Mary. The feast day is the Immaculate Conception, Dec. 8.

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Parish in 1908

IN JULY, 1908, St. Mary, Alma, was made a parish and Fr. John Mulvey was appointed the first pastor. St. Louis, Irishtown, Shepherd and later Bannister were attached to Alma as missions. These missions were attended on Sundays by means of the two railroads that had their junction in Alma.

Father Mulvey remained as pastor until 1918, when he went to the army as a chaplain. Fr. P. A. O'Toole succeeded Father Mulvey and remained until 1923. Father William McCann came as pastor and remained until 1931. He was succeeded by Fr. Louis Gilroy, who served until his sudden death from a ruptured appendix in 1936.

Father Mulvey then returned as pastor and served until his transfer to St. Boniface, Bay City, in 1942. Rev. Leo S. Dorsey came and stayed one year and in 1943 Fr. Charles Burkhardt was made pastor.

In 1945 Fr. S. A. Van Gessel was appointed pastor. He served until August, 1957, when he retired because of ill health. He was succeeded by Fr. Thomas W. Ryan who was pastor for ten months and in turn succeeded by Fr. Richard L. Rabideau, the present pastor.

In 1950, under the pastorate of Father Van Gessel the first parochial school was built in Gratiot County. Father Van Gessel had planned and saved for this great occasion and it was a proud moment in the history of the parish when the school opened. There were 120 pupils in the six grades.

The four-room school was built at a cost of $53,000. Father Van Gessel obtained the services of the Dominican Sisters of Grand Rapids who sent three teaching sisters to staff the school. A home was purchased for a convent and moved to the back of the property where it is still located.

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School Enlarged

IN 1959 AN addition was made to the school. Three classrooms and a large parish hall were built at the cost of $142,000. The hall is large enough for basketball to be played, and there are modern kitchen facilities for the school hot lunch program. There are boys and girls shower rooms.

The present building is L-shaped, with provision made for future classrooms to be added. The future plans of the parish call for a new church, convent and rectory.

In 1960 a house was purchased across the street from the school which will be available as a building site for a future convent. The new church will be built on the present site of the old church. This means that Mass will be offered in the parish hall until that construction is completed.

In the past ten years the parish has shown a rapid rate of growth and the new church will have to accommodate the future growth. The present church seats 300 and four Masses on Sunday are necessary to accommodate the crowd.

Fr. Richard L. Rabideau
Present Pastor

The school is still only six grades and there is an enrollment of 163 at the present time. The new addition to the school should accommodate the expected rise in attendance for some years to come.

A new church is now the big hope of the parish. It is hoped that within the next five years construction can start on a new church.

The Catholic Faith has come a long way in Gratiot County since the turn of the century. St. Louis Ithaca and Bannister are now parishes and a parochial school is now in operation in St. Louis.

Editor Named for Monterey Paper

FRESNO, Calif., (NC) — Charles A. McCarthy has been named managing editor of the Central California Register, Monterey-Fresno diocesan newspaper.

McCarthy, associate editor of the paper since 1961, succeeds Floyd Anderson, who has been named director of the Press Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference, which issues the N.C.W.C. News Service.

BISHOP ALOYSIUS J. Willinger, C.SS.R., also named William J. Timmings as business manager of the paper.

Saginaw Holy Family

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school was temporarily abandoned but was re-opened in 1940.

The use of the French language ceased in the parish in 1919. The parish was now composed of French, German, Irish, Polish, Italian, Hungarian and Lithuanian parishioners.

In 1945, Father Surprenant was raised to the dignity of a Domestic Prelate by Pope Pius XII, with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor. The same year, he suffered a mild stroke and from that time on, was unable to say Mass in the church.

In July, 1953, he resigned as pastor after some 41 years of apostolic labor but continued to live in Saginaw with his sister.

One of the projects which Monsignor Surprenant had in mind at the time of his retirement was the building of a new convent for the Sisters. They had resided in the school since their arrival in Saginaw.

He had long felt that he was physically unable to undertake this work, but his plan was carried out by his successor, Father Thomas A. Horton, who was appointed pastor in July of 1953, following Monsignor's retirement.

The building of the convent at a cost of $100,000 was completed in 1956 and made it possible to admit the first and second graders to the school. The Sisters took formal possession of the convent on May 27 following the blessing by the bishop and the open house for the parishioners.

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Church Renovated

WHEN THE enrollment of the high school dropped to less than 75 students, it was considered advisable to send those students to the other Catholic high schools so that they could take advantage of courses offered.

In June of 1957, the remodeling of the school began. The summer vacations of 1957, '58 and '59, were used for this purpose. A new roof, front stairwell, floors, ceilings and lights were installed and new equipment was furnished throughout. The Fire Department considers it one of the safest of the old schools in the city.

Monsignor Surprenant continued to be vitally interested in the progress of Holy Family parish until his death on May 14, 1961, some 50 years after his appointment as pastor. Regarded as one of the most beautiful churches in the Diocese, Holy Family will be a lasting monument to his name.

During his long years in the parish, Fathers Passeno, Ryan, LaHaie, Skornia, Kirchman, Rabideau and Rudy served under him as assistants.

For many years after the church was completed, Monsignor Surprenant had looked forward to its decoration. He had always said that he would rather do nothing at all than to sacrifice beauty and simplicity.

Even after his death, correspondence concerning the proposed decoration of the church was found together with many sketches and on Sept. 18, 1961, the DeRanieri Studios of Detroit started the actual decoration of the church.

In the meantime, the church windows were repaired and the

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25 YEARS

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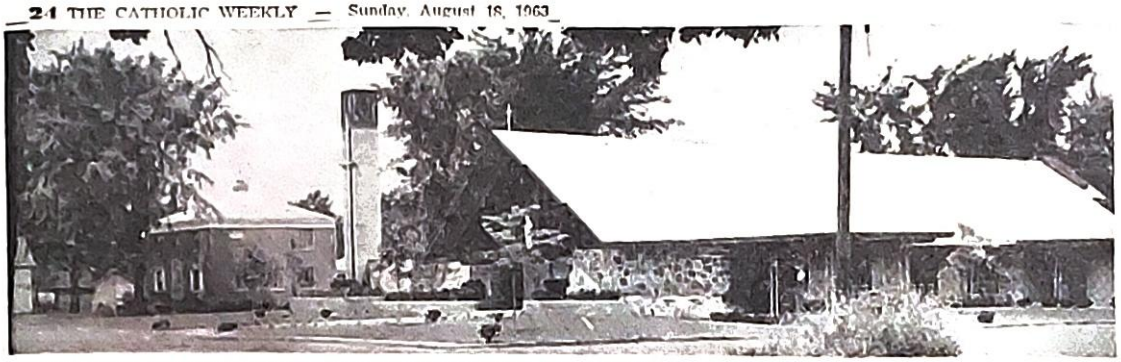

NOW LOOK AT BANNISTER came with t he building of the new St. Cyril church. It was dedicated by Bishop Woznicki on Aug. 23, 1960.

New Church Serves Bannister, Catechetical Center Now Goal

BANNISTER—St. Cyril parish was established in 1911 by the Most Rev. Joseph Richter, Bishop of Grand Rapids, as a mission of Alma in charge of Fr. John A. Mulvey. The mission comprised about 35 families, predominantly of Czechoslovakian immigrants, who settled in the southern part of Gratiot county.

A church of cement block construction, seating 112 people, was completed in 1912. This church enlarged in 1921 to seat 224 people, served the parish until March of 1960.

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Made Parish in 1921

IN 1921, St. Cyril Mission was established as a parish by Most Rev. Edward Kelly. Fr. Joseph Nimrichter was appointed first resident pastor.

On March 6, 1922 a home was purchased adjacent to the church to serve as a priest's rectory.

In March of 1929, Fr. Joseph Bocek, a native son of the parish, was appointed as pastor. He was succeeded by Fr. John J. Bozek in July of 1931.

Fr. Joseph Leckman became pastor in April, 1932. He in turn was succeeded by Fr. Adalbert Radawski in April 1937.

In the succeeding years the following priests served as pastors or administrators in Bannister: December, 1937, Fr. James Czachorski; April, 1939, Fr. H. B. Koscielniak; July, 1939, Fr. Joseph S. Kaminski; May, 1941, Fr. John J. Boguslawski; June, 1943, Fr. L. S. Kwasigroch; October, 1943, Fr. Marion J. Pawlowski.

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Launch Church Drive

ON JUNE 7, 1944 Rev. C. E. Walkowiak was installed as pastor. It was during this time that the present rectory was built.

The construction of the new brick rectory was begun in May of 1948. It was completed and occupied on Dec. 7, 1948.

During the pastorate of Fr. Walkowiak plans were drawn up to build a new Church. William Spears of the Spears and Prine Architects and engineers of Saginaw was employed to design the new church.

In the fall of 1958, a fund drive was started and pledges were taken by the parishioners for the new church. In March of 1959, plans were almost completed when Fr. Walkowiak was transferred to St. Josaphat parish in Carrollton.

On March 11, 1959, the present pastor, Fr. Clarence D. Smolinski was installed as pastor of St. Cyril parish. Plans for the church were completed and bids were let out.

Groundbreaking for the new church took place on Sunday, June 21, 1959. On Monday, June 22nd, Vollmer Construction Co. of Saginaw began construction.

Electrical work was done by City Electric of Saginaw, plumbing by Kelly Brothers of Owosso, and heating and ventilation by Frimberger Sheet Metal of Saginaw.

Mass was offered for the first time in the new 500-seat church on Laetare Sunday, March 27, 1960.

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Dedication Aug. 22, 1961

THE OLD church was torn down by the parishioners the following week.

In July of 1960, altars and mosaic work, designed by Professor Lelio de Ranieri and furnished and installed by the de Ranieri Studios Inc. of Detroit, and Pietro Santa, Italy.

Picture stained glass windows were imported from Munich, Germany and were installed in 1961.

The new church is of contemporary design of brick and block construction. Its front is of Colorado sandstone. It was constructed, complete with all furnishings, for $190,000.

On Tuesday, Aug. 22, the new church was solemnly dedicated by Bishop Woznicki. Celebrant at the Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving was Fr. Smolinski.

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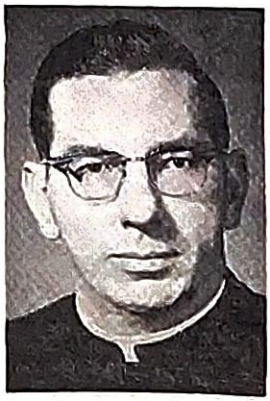
The Parish Future

EXTENSIVE landscaping has been undertaken and plans are being made to landscape the entire church property.



Fr. Clarence D. Smolinski
Present Pastor

In November of 1961, negotiations were started to purchase five acres of land, directly east and north of the present church building. The property was bought Feb. 8, 1962.

The parking lot and the land purchased was tiled and the parking lot has been enlarged. Plans are to black top the parking lot in the future.

Future plans of the parish call for the building of a Catechetical Center to accommodate the 300 children now attending Confraternity of Christian Doctrine classes.

At present some 230 families belong to the parish.

College to Get $1.3-Million Loan

WASHINGTON, (NC) — The Federal government will lend St. Mary of the Plains College, Dodge City, Kan., $1,350,000 to finance construction of two residence halls and remodeling of dining facilities.

The Catholic college is lent the money by the Community Facilities Administration of the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency under the College Housing program.

St. Joseph

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community.

Men of Mexican origin promote devotion to the Blessed Virgin through the Knights of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Mexican ladies are grouped in the Legionnaires of Guadalupe.

A great devotional event in St. Joseph Parish each year is the Novena in honor of the Virgin of Guadalupe in December. In the early morning hours of the feast of Guadalupe, Mexican men of the parish, accompanied by guitars, serenade their patroness.

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Present Pastor

ON OCTOBER 20, 1955, Fr. Theodore LaMarre was installed as the present pastor of St. Joseph, succeeding Msgr. Harold J. Bolton, who had been named pastor of St. Mary Cathedral. Msgr. Bolton has since died.

Fr. LaMarre was installed by Msgr. Bolton, then dean of the Saginaw deanery.

Of particular value in St. Joseph parish is the St. Joseph Federal Credit Union, which was started in January, 1950.

It was then the only parish federal credit union in Michigan.

Its 1600 active accounts today make it a leading parish credit union in this state.

The present headquarters on 6th Street was dedicated on Nov. 5, 1956 by Bishop Woznicki.

Nursing School Forced to Close

AUSTIN, Tex., (NC) — The Seton school of nursing closed with the graduation of its present class. It has operated here for 61 years.

Low enrollment and the difficulty in obtaining qualified applicants were the reasons given for the action by a spokesman of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent De Paul.

Holy Family

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heating system was modernized. Both in the vestibule and in the apse of the church, filled Travertine marble covers the walls to a height of eight feet from the floor and the stations are framed in the same marble.

The dome in the sanctuary has a painting of the Holy Family and from the floor to the ceiling there are alternating stripes of Siovina and Red Verona marble. Above the arches, the paintings of the Twelve Apostles add dignity and charm.

Under the balcony, there are paintings of St. John the Baptist honoring Monsignor Surprenant and paintings of St. William and St. Stephen of Hungary, honoring Bishop Murphy and Bishop Woznicki. All the paintings were done at the Vatican. Behind the side altars are panels of cantrano marble and the marble statues have been elevated on marble brackets.

Beige is the predominant color of the upper walls and pillars with a ceiling of blue. The entire sanctuary, aisles and baptistry are carpeted in dark blue and red.

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New Church Bells

PERHAPS THE fondest wish of Monsignor Surprenant was realized on June 10, 1962, when Bishop Woznicki solemnly blessed three new bronze bells, electronically operated. Supplied by the Verdin Company of Cincinnati, Ohio, they were hoisted to the bell tower the week of June 17.

On the first Friday of September, 1962, the Most Reverend Bishop was present for a solemn Mass of Thanksgiving, marking the completion of the church decorations. A month earlier, Father James Ecarius, Secretary to the Most Reverend Bishop was appointed Assistant Pastor.

A rather unique parish bulletin edited by Arthur LaBelle since the first issue appeared on Sept. 26, 1954, has become an integral part of Holy Family Parish life.

Organized in the parish are the Choir, Altar society, Holy Name society, Home and School association, Ushers' club, Legion of Mary, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

The people of Holy Family parish adopted a sacrificial offertory program this year.

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New Church in 1968 Goal of Parishioners—

Blessed Sacrament Parish Grows

MIDLAND — Early in the 1940's the Diocese of Saginaw, under the direction of Bishop Murphy (first bishop of Saginaw) purchased a plot of ground, 10 acres in area, for $17,500. It was on this site, located at the N.W. corner of East Ashman and Swede roads, that the second parish for Midland was to be located.

On Oct. 15, 1951, Bishop Woznicki appointed Fr. Camill F. Klos, then pastor of St. Felix parish, Pinnebog, to begin on Oct 29, 1951, the organizing of a new parish in Midland under the title of Blessed Sacrament.

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Boundaries Drawn

THE BOUNDARIES assigned to this parish were: Gladwin County line on the North, Saginaw County line on the South, Dublin Road to Wackerly Road to Eastman Road to Saginaw Road on the West, and Flajole Road on the East.

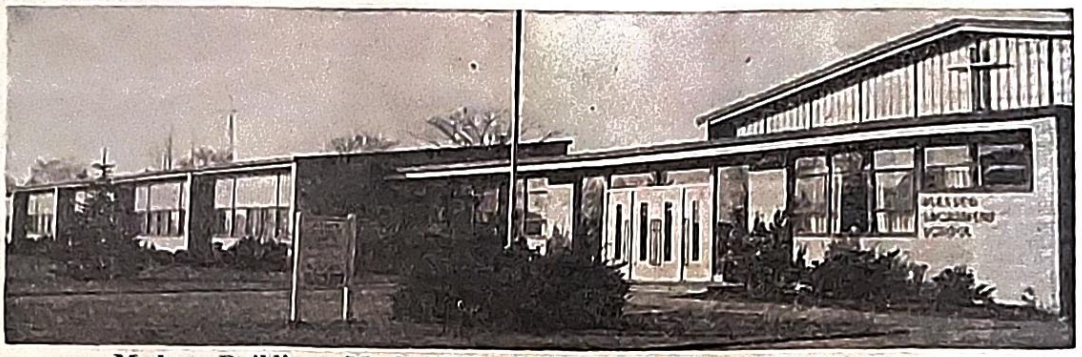
Along with the assignment of organizing the parish, Fr. Klos was given charge of the Assumption Blessed Virgin Mary Mission in Larkin Township at the corner of Jefferson and Monroe Roads.

On Nov. 18, 1951, and this thanks to William A. Groening, Jr., Dr. Ernest R. Britton, Superintendent of Schools, and to the Midland Board of Education, the first Mass was said in the Northeast Intermediate school in Midland.

From then on until April 24, 1955, all the Masses on Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation were said at the school. Weekday Masses were offered daily at 6 a.m. at the Assumption Mission Church in Larkin.

With the first Mass in Northeast Intermediate School gymnasium amidst hundreds of parishioners, Blessed Sacrament parish was born.

On Dec. 2, 1951, the first Baptisms in the new Parish took place in St. Brigid Church and were administered to Michael Leo Brines and Michael Dewey Mulloy.



Modern Buildings Mark Midland Blessed Sacrament Parish Today

Fr. Camill F. Klos
Present Pastor

That same month, Dec. 21, 1951, and this due largely to the efforts of Leo Tellier, a ranch type home was purchased for a temporary Rectory. It was located at 4103 Elm Court and the cost to the parish was $19,500 —plus remodeling, plus furnishings.

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Parish Organized

THE EARLY parishioners, numbering 250 families, were fired with zeal for the growth of the Church within the city of Midland.

Feb. 18, 1952, the Rosary Altar society was organized with Mrs. William Berg as its first president. It was also during this time that the first Choir was organized in the parish, with Mrs. Ted Sarge the organist and it consisted of 19 members.

With the parish now a reality, on March 7, 1952, Blessed Sacrament was canonically established and boundaries assigned to it. It was on that same day that Fr. Klos was officially installed as its first pastor by Fr. James A. Hickey, then secretary to Bishop Murphy.

The first Ushers' club was formally organized on April 17,

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Parish Assistants

Fr. Joseph V. Adamec

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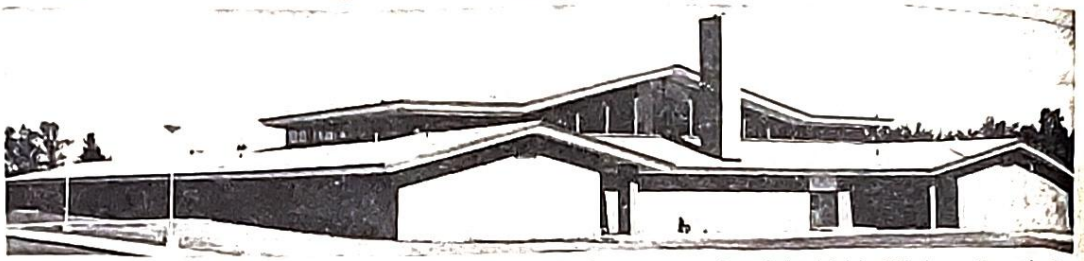
New Regina High Opens This Fall



LATEST MAJOR PROJECT of the revitalized Church in Midland was construction of the new Regina High School for girls of the Midland area. The school opens this fall.

MIDLAND — The development of Catholic education in Midland was delayed by the following factors:

a) the expanse of St. Brigid's parish—embracing most of Midland and part of Saginaw Counties;

b) the many missions;

c) relatively few Catholics lived in town.

Nevertheless Fr. Edward J. McDonald pressed for a grade school — no doubt recalling his native Mt. Pleasant, but progress was slow.

Building plans and fund raising began in 1918; the basement constructed 1919; the four-room St. Brigid school was finally completed by Fr. Joseph B. Illig—who succeeded in May, 1922—and opened that September under the direction of the Sisters of Mercy.

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Population Zooms

THE SECOND World War brought an increase in population, and a six-room addition in 1947, this soon proved inadequate.

Midland continued to grow rapidly—tripling its population in one generation. Also Dow Chemical co. was attracting young Catholic professional men from all sections of the United States—who missed the Catholic school facilities of home.

The establishment of Blessed Sacrament parish in 1952 gave hope; temporary relief for the elementary grades by a new 9-room school in 1956; and a real spur to a Catholic High School.

The same year a lay study committee was organized to determine the needs and requirements of the Catholic High School in Midland, under the direction of both pastors and with the approval of Bishop Woznicki.

In May, 1957, Mother M. Gerald of the Sisters of St. Dominic of Adrian, assured the bishop that her order would staff such a school. The following November, Monsignor Illig and Fr. Klos announced the purchase of 22 acres at the Northwest corner of Wheeler and Swede Roads as the site for the new school.

The site was later shifted to a 40 acre plot at Washington St. and Wheeler Road as more favorable for future needs, and the original plot retained as an investment.

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K.C. Conducts Census

THE KNIGHTS of Columbus conducted a census in the Fall of 1958, which proved invaluable in determining the future high school enrollment.

The census showed 846 families in Blessed Sacrament parish, and 877 families in St. Brigid's—with a total population of 3,986 persons under 21 years of age. Fr. Thomas W. Ryan had succeeded Monsignor Illig the previous May.

In January, 1959 Bishop Woznicki appointed the members of a Midland Catholic Education Commission to coordinate plans for the new Catholic Central; the firm of Alden B. Dow, Inc., was selected as architect.

The original aim was for a co-educational school with full facilities for 500, but expandable to 700—with a convent to accommodate up to 25 Sisters.

These plans reached an estimated cost of $1,200,000, and were deemed inadvisable at that time. The parishes could handle the school, but the added cost of the convent made the burden too heavy.

Blessed Sacrament parish was still $300,000 in debt and the pledge drive had reached slightly over $500,000.

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Girls' High Built

IN JANUARY, 1960 the pledgers were polled and they approved the alternate plan of building a girls' high at that time for approximately 300 students together with the convent; the boys' unit to be built as soon as feasible.

This choice was approved by 80% of the pledges, the Sisters of St. Dominic, and the bishop —with the date of opening being postponed until September, 1963.

The final plans called for a school accommodating 360 girls and a convent for 10 Sisters—both facilities are flexible.

Furthermore, the first unit can fit into: a) separate schools; b) a co?institutional; c) or even a large co-educational program without a financial loss.

Ground was broken on Easter Sunday, 1962. The building is now completed and furnished and will open this September with 9th and 10th grades—with one grade added each year. Full accreditation is anticipated at the time of the first graduation in 1966.

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Laymen on Board

THE SCHOOL was officially named "Regina High School" and placed under the patronage of our Blessed Mother.

Its opening will bring the third order of teaching Sisters to Midland—Dominican Sisters of Adrian join the Bernadine Sisters at Blessed Sacrament and Sisters of Mercy teaching St. Brigids' Elementary Schools.

Regina High School Board, appointed by Bishop Woznicki, consists of the two pastors, a lay man and lay woman from each parish, and the fifth lay member from Assumption Mission (Larkin). The Diocesan Superintendent of Schools will also be an "ex officio" member without voting privileges.

A unique feature of the Board is the full lay participation and voting privileges. This feature, the practical experience of the members, and the two and three-year staggered term promise a solid, smooth administration even during the growing up period.

Finally, the successful "Sacrificial Offertory Campaign" of last Spring has given a wonderful impetus to the continued development of both elementary schools, the building of the Boys' High School in the reasonable future, and to the whole Catholic program.

Families Doubled in Past Decade

LARKIN—On Oct. 7, 1909, during the episcopacy of Bishop Henry Richter of Grand Rapids, a group of Catholics of Slovac extraction met at the home of Andrew Bartos to discuss plans for the building of a Mission Church at Larkin. The seed was well sown.

In 1914 the present Assumption church was begun by a handful of the faithful. Sept. 5, 1916, saw Bishop Michael J. Gallagher bless the humble edifice. Until this day it is the center of worship for the faithful sons and daughters of these pioneers.

FROM ITS very beginning it was in charge of the pastors of Midland St. Brigid, with the exception of about a year when the priest from Fisherville and the chaplain from St. Joseph's Hospital in Bay City took care of it.

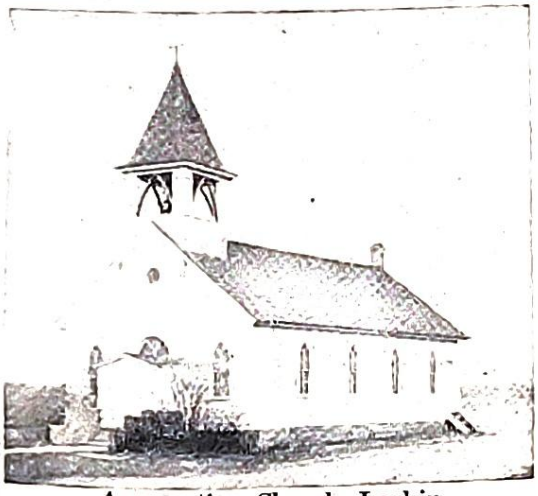
Oct. 29 was the date when the present pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish was given charge of the Mission.

In the fall of 1952, the present church was completely redone in and out. A new altar was built, communion rail was installed, tabernacle was provided, a new organ was purchased, and all of the old vestments were replaced.

In round figures, $6,000 was spent. Enthusiasm, sacrifice, and generosity made all of this a reality.

In 1961 Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fitak donated five acres of land to enlarge the present property from three to eight acres. There is a great future for the little mission because more and more Catholics are moving into that suburb.

Membership of the Mission since 1952 has increased from 30 to 56 families and it is impossible to accept more because of the scarcity of the seating capacity to accommodate all of the prospective new parishioners and the impossibility of providing more Masses.



Assumption Church, Larkin

Blessed Sacrament

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1952. Lawrence Shurkey was elected its first president. On the eighth of July, 1952, the first funeral took place in the Parish. Joseph Whelan, a one-day-old baby, was buried.

Oct. 25, 1952, was the day that the first wedding took place in the new parish between Elon E. McDaniel and Leona Martin.

As the first purpose of the Church is salvation of souls, the first Confraternity class was organized and on June 21, 1953, 28 children received their First Holy Communion.

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Master Plan Set

IN JUNE OF 1954, Paul A. Brysselbeault, architect from Bay City, was engaged by the pastor and the Parish Committee to draw up the master plan for the new parish and begin the preliminary drawing for the new church and school.

In order that the parish might have more land for the future and an opening to Kentwood St., four lots were purchased from Lester Kent for $2,512.50.

As all this planning was progressing, Fr. Klos was taken with a heart attack. The work went on, nevertheless, and to ease this burden which was constantly becoming greater and greater, Bishop Woznicki secured the services of Fr. J. P. Bichrest, a priest from another diocese, to help out in the work of the parish.

Early in the spring of 1954, the plans and the specifications had been completed, contracts were awarded to the Henry C. Weber Construction co. of Bay City, for the general construction, to the A. W. Eurich Plumbing and Heating co. for the mechanical work in the new building, and to Wm. J. Allen Electric for the electrical contract.

The total came to $345,000 and this included the architect's fee.

On Easter Sunday, April 18, 1954, amidst a beautiful turnout of people, representatives of the Midland Board of Education, Dr. Ernest R. Britton, and the Mayor of Midland, Nolan Poffenberger, with William Groening representing the parish, Fr. Klos officially blessed and broke the ground for the new construction.

As the building progressed, Monsignor John F. Sonefeld, the Vicar General of the Diocese, officially blessed and laid the cornerstone of the new church and school on Sunday, July 18, 1954.

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Convent Started

IN MARCH OF 1955, ground was broken for the new convent. It was designed by the same architect and contracts awarded to the builders. Nine sisters would be accommodated for the present, but flexibility was incorporated so that more quarters could be added on without too much difficulty.

Cost of the project was $92,000, and it was not occupied until late in the fall of the same year. From August until the occupancy of the convent, the sisters lived in the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Kurtz.

The construction of the church and school having come to an end, the first Mass was said amidst a lot of rejoicing on Sunday, April 24, 1955.

As the spiritual life of the parish began to grow, the devotions to Our Blessed Mother under the title of Perpetual Help were officially installed by Fr. John Daly of the Redemptorist Order on May 15, 1955. It was in this very same month that Fr. Alphonse A. Kromka came to help the pastor out in his increasing work.

The growth of the parish showed itself more so in the First Holy Communion class when 89 children received their First Holy Communion.

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School Opens

SHORTLY AFTER Labor Day, school opened for the first time in Blessed Sacrament parish. The school consisted of six grades. Sister Mary Walter, of the Bernardine Sisters, was the first principal.

On Oct. 16, 1955, at 4 p.m., Bishop Woznicki blessed the church and school building. This was followed by a civic banquet in the Parish Hall.

The first Forty Hours was held Oct. 20 to 22, 1955. Fr. Francis Lang, a priest of the diocese, preached the first sermons.

Nov. 6, 1955, the bishop, for the first time, Confirmed 138 children of the parish.

On Sept. 7, 1956, Fr. Charles O'Neill was appointed to replace Fr. Kromka as assistant.

With the needs of the parish requiring more and more that the pastor live close to the church, it was on Feb. 22, 1957, that Joseph Agostinelli, a member of the parish, began the construction of the present rectory.

That same fall it was occupied. It cost the parish $43,794.

Fr. Joseph D. Ryan replaced Fr. O'Neill as assistant of the parish on Aug. 29, 1958.

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Parking Lot Improved

1960 SAW little action except for purchase of a house next to the convent for $9,000.

In 1960 and 1961, $19,470.54 was spent for enlarging of the parking lot and paving of the same.

Aug. 17, 1961, Fr. Joseph V. Adamec came as the new assistant, replacing Fr. Ryan who was transferred to Visitation, Bay City.

Although the parish cannot claim that it was instrumental in the vocation of the young man to the priesthood, because that belonged to St. Stephen's in Saginaw, nevertheless on May 20, 1962, it had the great privilege of having him say his First Mass. It was the First

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The Heart of St. Brigid Parish Today

St. Brigid Parish Turns to Internal Growth, Development

MIDLAND—A fine history of St. Brigid's parish early years and right to the encomium "Alma Mater" for the surrounding territory was detailed in the 1952 Catholic Weekly historical edition.

Suffice to say the First Mass in Midland was offered during 1871; the original church completed 1872; first resident pastor arrived February, 1884; the church moved from "Paddy's Hollow" to the present location 1909; the present tudor-gothic church built 1940; the original 4-room school opened in September, 1922—a six room addition and auditorium built 1947.

In March of 1952 Assumption Mission (Larkin) was joined officially to the new Blessed Sacrament parish being cut off from St. Brigid's.

Immediately, the old declined Mission of St. Agnes (Sanford) was raised to a Sunday Mission; when this was joined to St. Philip's (Coleman) in June, 1956 the missionary spirit turned South to Freeland that September. The final infant daughter was nurtured to parochial status in June of 1960, under the patronage of St. Agnes.

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Present Program

TO-DAY, FOR the first time in her interesting history, St. Brigid's has "no growing daughters" and can turn to internal growth and development.

Previously, the territory was so extended—embracing even four counties—and energy so diversified that home development was seriously impaired.

This was especially true of a solid Catholic educational program. This weakness has been keenly felt with the population of the city doubling during the decade 1950-1960, and the Catholic growth doing even better.

The establishment of Blessed Sacrament parish in 1952 and its nine-room school opening in 1956 only slightly eased the crowded condition; at least one-half the Catholic children are still in the public elementary schools. Blessed Sacrament plans a new nine-room wing in 1964.

St. Brigid's is hurting for play area, but can arrange two more classrooms in the present building—making a total of 12 rooms (and is committed to four split rooms in caring for the overflow).

Recent activities of the parish have been geared to the above program. The other determining factor has been the development of the down-town area and the possibility of moving the complete parish plant a few blocks out of the congested business area before constructing the new convent and rectory—the latter are adequate though venerable frame buildings.

There are various possibilities and through the sincere co-operative efforts evinced in the meetings between the parish committee, representatives of down-town merchants, and city officials, we hope to work out a reasonable land usage providing play area for St. Brigid's and parking for the neighboring and recently built Methodist Church.

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Msgr. Illig's Role

HISTORICALLY, the figure of Monsignor Illig looms as prominent as his portrait over the fire place in the parish rectory.

On April 6, 1958, Monsignor Joseph B. Illig closed his long and illustrious tenure as pastor of St. Brigid's—at the age of 91 years, 67 spent in the priesthood, 36 in this pastorate—with active service up to three weeks before death.

A fitting close will be long remembered—his last Mass on the patronal feast, March 19th, with both celebrant and congregation fully aware of the dramatic event, as Monsignor was leaving for Mercy Hospital that morning.

For the information of "outsiders" he spent approximately 25 years teaching in Catholic colleges, principally St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minn.

This background joined with a natural friendly priestly disposition did much to break down prejudice and cultivate a favorable community spirit. He guided a small parish in a town to the large parish in a thriving city of 30,000 population known throughout the world as the headquarters for Dow Chemical co.

His priestly pastoral spirit will long remain a challenge to successors; a guide to generations of Catholic and Non-Catholic residents.

Fr. Thomas W. Ryan
Present Pastor

Fr. Frederick J. Thomas
Assistant Pastor

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Present Pastor

DURING LATER years Mon-

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We join in Best Wishes to . . . Bishop Stephen S. Woznicki, the clergy and to the parishioners throughout the Diocese of Saginaw on this festive occasion.

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GROUND WAS BROKEN in July for the new Middleton-Perrington St. Martin de Porres church. From left are Mrs. Melvin Leiby, organist and choir; Mrs. Edwin Zyzeleski, Altar society; Ron Shafer, Men's club; Grant Daniels, Youth groups; Ambrose Mazey, 87, oldest member of the parish who turned the first shovel; Thomas McGuirk, Building committee; John Garner, Church committee; the two altar boys on either side of Father Charles L. Ganley, pastor, are Renee Zyzelewski and Mark Daniels.

MARBLE SHRINE OF the Holy Family is examined by Ithaca St. Paul pastor Fr. Charles L. Ganley. St. Paul church at right.

St. Martin de Porres Patron of New Mission

MIDDLETON-PERRINTON — To better serve the Catholics of the southwest section of Gratiot County, Bishop Woznicki asked Father Charles L. Ganley, pastor of St. Paul the Apostle church, Ithaca, to see to the opening of a mission church here to serve the towns of Middleton, Perrinton and Maple Rapids.

A few days after the canonization of St. Martin de Porres, the bishop named him as the patron of the Middleton church.

The first Mass was said on Pentecost Sunday, June 10, 1962. In a rented store building at Middleton where Mass is still said.

THE MISSION of St. Martin de Porres, serves at least 60 families and has a Sunday attendance of 175. Ground was broken for a new church, July 14, 1963, on a three-acre parcel of land purchased earlier this year.

The congregation also took a three-year option on an adjoining 3.06 acres. The property on highway M-57 is south of the Village of Perrinton and north of Rainbow Lake.

Funds for the new church are being raised by a letter project. Friends and relatives of parishioners and pastor, as well as those devoted to St. Martin de Porres, are contributing. A Mass is said at least once a month for the living and deceased benefactors of this mission church.

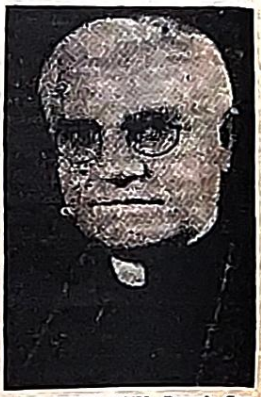
The Altar society is already very active. Mrs. Edwin Zyzelewski is president; Mrs. David Rudd, vice-president; and Mrs. William Gallagher, secretary-treasurer.

A CHOIR, under the direction of Donald Proke, is organized. Mrs. Melvin Leiby is organist. A Men's club is also organized with Ron Shafer as president.

Members of the Church Committee are John Garner, Joseph Ondrus, Norton Barrett, Walter Donahue, and Robert Zamarron.

The Building Committee consists of William Gallagher, Tony Wieber, Olan Black, Steve Divish, and Thomas McGuirk.

Michigan Pioneers—



THE MOST REV. Joseph Casmir Plagens, former Bishop of Marquette, was born in Poland on Jan. 29, 1880 and came to America at the age of four. He was ordained July 5, 1903 and was named Titular Bishop of Rhodiopolis and Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit, May 22, 1924.

Protestants, Jews Helped New St. Paul Parish Get Its Start

ITHACA—The Catholic Church of St. Paul the Apostle stands as a monument to the generosity of Protestants, Jews and Catholics.

The first steps to establish a church here were taken in 1949 by Father Sebastian A. Van Gessel, pastor of St. Mary Church, Alma, when he and a committee of laymen conferred with Monsignor John J. Sonefeld, vicar general, and received permission to purchase property.

Three city lots were acquired. Construction of a building was delayed because of the shortage of priests in the Diocese of Saginaw.

A CENSUS of the territory in February, 1952 revealed 70 Catholic families.

Bishop Woznicki then permitted Mass to be celebrated in a converted store building, the first Mass being said on Pentecost Sunday, June 1, 1952.

In September, 1952, Father Charles L. Ganley, newly ordained, was named to assist Fr. Van Gessel.

Soon after, the need for better facilities for Mass was seen. Through a letter project, the parish sought and received donations from people of all faiths, sufficient to begin construction of a colonial style church to seat 300.

The Catholic Church Extension Society sent $6,000, a portion of an estate left them by Thomas Halloran, a Gratiot county resident.

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Parish Status in 1957

THE CORNERSTONE of the new church was laid by Monsignor Sonefeld on June 28, 1953.

The First Mass was said in the new building by Father Ganley on Sunday, Nov. 8, 1953. The church was solemnly blessed and the first Confirmation conferred by Bishop Woznicki on June 29, 1954.

Father Neil O'Connor, pastor of St. Andrew church, Saginaw, preached the dedication sermon.

The Ithaca Church remained a mission of St. Mary, Alma, until 1957 when Father Van Gessel, because of ill health, resigned his pastorate. Father Ganley was named first resident pastor on June 14, 1957, having moved to Ithaca in August of the previous year to better serve the families of the area.

A house was purchased by the parish in 1956 to serve as a rectory. Two other houses have been purchased to make room for parish expansion. One house has been removed from the property; the other serves as extra space for grade school instruction.

Serving as organist and choir director of the parish since 1952 is Miss Leonora Hatzenbuhler. Rendering invaluable service to the parish over the years were Michael J. Haley, Frank Ennis, and Anthony Sedlar, now deceased.

The congregation is grateful to those who have given so generously to the fund drive and over the years. Our special thanks must be given to Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Tracy of the Alma Products co. for their outstanding contributions.

A Mass is said at least once a month for the living and deceased benefactors of the church.

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Parish Organizations

THE FIRST Church committee consisted of Michael Haley, Myles Beltinck, Stephen Gavenda, Charles Donahoe, Charles Billig, Jr. The present Church committee is composed of Arthur Droste, Vernon Hirschman, George Zamarron, William Somerville, John Smolka.

Mrs. Michael J. Haley served as chairman of the Fund Raising Project. Mrs. Charles Donahoe was first president of the Altar society.

Present officers of the Altar society are Mrs. Raymond Anderson, president; Mrs. William Feichtenbiner, vice-president; Mrs. Michael Haley, secretary-treasurer.

The Men's Club officers are Raymond Anderson, president; William Somerville, vice-president; Kenneth Kienitz, secretary-treasurer.

The first infant baptism was Mark Paul McLoughlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. John McLoughlin, baptized June 29, 1952. The first wedding was Robert Kleinlans and Jeanene Walters, Sept. 28, 1962.

At least 125 adults have taken instructions at St. Paul's and become Catholics. Miss Elsa Potter, a convert to the Faith, is now Sister Mary of the Eucharist of the Sisters of Mary Reparatrix, Detroit.

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Mission Attached

THE ITHACA parish has grown from 70 families in 1952 to 185 families in 1962. Sisters from St. Mary, Alma, and St. Joseph, St. Louis, give weekly catechetical instructions to the children of the parish.

On Pentecost Sunday, 1962, the Ithaca Church's tenth anniversary, the bishop established St. Martin de Porres, Middleton, as a mission church from St. Paul, Ithaca, to be served by Father Ganley.

The Ithaca parish plans an educational unit to be constructed as a state-approved school as soon as funds are available. A Holy Family shrine, donated by Donald McFarland in memory of his wife Ellen, and constructed by the Men's club of the parish, was blessed by the bishop on May 2, 1962.

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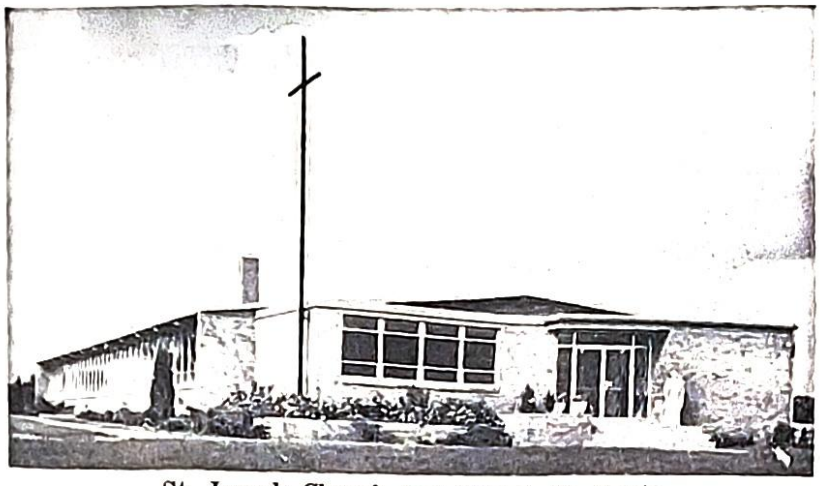

St. Joseph Church and School, St. Louis

Persistent Effort Pays Off in New School for St. Louis Parish

ST. LOUIS— On Nov. 7, 1952, St. Joseph's Parish acquired eight acres of property from Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Gopp for $15,000. Through this foresight of Bishop Woznicki and the pastor, Father Joseph Favara, this was to be the future site of the complete parish plant.

On July 7 of the following year the mortgage was discharged and the end of 1953 saw a balance of $3086.53 as the beginning of a fund for the future Mount St. Joseph school.

During Lent of 1954 a pledge drive for the school fund was conducted and approximately $61,000.00 was pledged for a three year period. The amount of the average Sunday collection doubled at this time.

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Parish Moves

ON SEPT. 10, 1954, Father Harry Hart was installed as the pastor of St. Joseph's.

Word had already been received that the Dominican Sisters of Grand Rapids were not going to be able to provide Sisters for the parish for at least two years. This, coupled with the fact that money for the school was not coming in as well as it had been expected, put a damper on the school project.

In August of 1955 Father Hart was told that the Sisters of St. Dominic would find it impossible to staff a school for this parish. Father Hart went on to contact some fifteen different Religious Orders to staff the school. All found it impossible to do so.

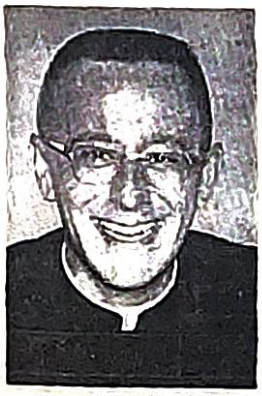
In January of 1957, even without promise of any Sisters for the school, architect Frederick Wigen was engaged and construction on the new building began the last week of May.

It was decided to build what would eventually be an eight-room school. The interior walls were not to be finished at this time. Half of the building would serve as a temporary church and the other half would be used as a social hall, with kitchen facilities. The contract amounted to $120,833.

The end of 1957 saw $43,748.99 in the building fund. In addition the Parish had pledged $10,648 toward the new St. Paul seminary.

On Ash Wednesday, Feb. 19, 1958, Mass was celebrated for the last time in the old church on Washington Ave. The Church was full and the Pastor thanked the congregation for their sacrifices which were making the new building possible. Benediction was given and the Church Committee then escorted the Blessed Sacrament from the old Church to the new.

The Pastor noted in the Parish History that "there were quite a few tearful eyes as he passed through the aisle with the Blessed Sacrament." During the week of February 16 to 22 the entire plant was moved to the new site on Mount Saint Joseph's. Men of the Parish accomplished the task despite the fact that the weather at this time was the coldest of the winter, the temperature going to -10 degrees.



Fr. Joseph O. Bauer
Present Pastor

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Convent Prepared

DURING THE spring and summer much work was done by the men on the old brick home on the new property which was to serve as a rectory.

On Oct. 5, 1958 Bishop Woznicki dedicated the new church-hall building and congratulated the parishioners on their fine work and generosity.

At the end of 1958 the Parish had a debt of $72,000.

In July of 1959 work was begun to finish off two of the school classrooms to facilitate religious instructions. On Aug. 24, 1959 the old parish property was sold for $12,500. The old church was razed and a gas station now stands on the location.

On Aug. 31 the Parish purchased the American Legion property and house for $16,000. This comprised a full city block of property and gave the parish a total of nearly three blocks of property.

The pastor had received word in January that the Adrian Dominican Sisters would be unable to open the school in 1960 as they had hoped.

On Sept. 22, 1959 Father Hart received word from Mother Mary Vincentia, S.S.J., that the Sisters of St. Joseph of Nazareth, Mich., would be able to open the school here in September 1961, with three Sisters.

In February of 1960 volunteer work was undertaken to renovate the nearly century-old home on the newly acquired Legion property. This was to be used as a future convent. The Altar Sodality invested over $1,300 in new furniture.

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School Opens

ON JUNE 2, Father Hart received an appointment to St. Norbert Church, Munger, and Father Joseph O. Bauer, was installed as the eighth pastor of St. Joseph Parish on June 15, 1960.

The following September Mae Fleming came as the new housekeeper. This month also saw the parish receiving a tabernacle, six bronze candlesticks, and many other fine items from St. Cyril Church, Bannister. These could be used in both the Church and the new Convent Chapel.

In September work was begun on the exterior of the proposed convent. There was a great deal to be done and this was not finished until the following summer.

On Feb. 26, 1961, Father Bauer announced the opening of St. Joseph School the following September with grades 3-4-5-6.

Because of a small fire in the rectory and some falling plaster, it was decided to do some redecorating and repairs in the rectory. These were completed by the end of June.

On Aug. 22 three Sisters of St. Joseph came to prepare for the opening of school: Mother Mary Josephine, Sister Mary Clement, and Sister Mary Lourdes.

On Sept. 6, 1961, nearly eight years after the school fund had been started, Mount St. Joseph School opened with Mass in honor of the Holy Spirit at 8:30 a.m. There were 51 students under two teaching Sisters.

On Oct. 1, 1961 the convent was dedicated and an open house held. Two former Pastors returned for the ceremony: Father Hart was celebrant, Father Favara the deacon, and Father Bauer, subdeacon.

Father Bauer complimented the parishioners on their new convent, which had been renovated mostly by volunteer labor and he thanked the Ladies' Altar Sodality for their donation of $3,117.33 for convent furnishings.

The Parish Income for 1961 was $30,915.71, the highest it has been in the history of the parish.

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Growing Parish

SCHOOL OPENED on Sept. 5, 1962; the enrollment was 75 students. The same three Sisters returned; the two teaching Sisters conducted the 3-4-5-6 and 7 grades. Educational television and a hot lunch program were introduced.

St. Joseph's, St. Louis is a growing parish. The parishioners have a vital interest in their parish as is evidenced from their many and varied activities. The income is steadily growing.

It is hoped that the school will be developed into a full eight grade school. Eventual plans point to the erection of a permanent church.

Many Improvements Made at Irishtown St. Patrick's

IRISHTOWN—The history of St. Patrick's Church here dates back to the latter half of the nineteenth century. The first church was built in 1868. The mission is presently attached to St. Joseph's parish St. Louis.

The history of St. Patrick's mission from 1952 has been one of spiritual growth and many improvements.

FROM APRIL to June, 1953, under the direction of the pastor, Fr. Joseph Favara, a considerable amount of work was done in the cemetery and Church grounds. A pledge drive during Lent of 1951 saw $15,500 pledged for a three year period for improvements on the church and parish hall. On May 24, 1954, improvements were begun on the exterior of the Church and Hall. A new gold leafed cross was installed on the steeple along with a new roof. The exterior wood on the Church and hall was painted and the brick work of the Church was pointed.

On September 10, 1951, Fr. Harry Hart became the pastor of St. Patrick Church. During 1955, a new set of solemn white vestments was purchased by the Altar society. During 1956 work was undertaken to add a small hall and two rest-rooms to the rear of the Church. A well was dug, sidewalk added along the East side of the Church and flood-lights installed to shine on the front of the Church.

During 1957, the cemetery was surveyed, a plot plan developed, and new corner lot markers were purchased and installed.

On March 26, 1958, Mrs. John Connelly, a benefactor of the mission, celebrated her 90th birthday. This was also an occasion for a church celebration since the original Church was built the same year 1868. A solemn High Mass was offered by the pastor, Fr. Harry Hart, assisted by Fr. Joseph Favara, a former pastor as deacon and Father Thomas Horton, former administrator as sub-deacon.

ON MARCH 15, 1959, the pastor announced that the church would be completely redecorated on the inside. The plaster was repaired, the walls painted, and the statues, stations, and altars were redecorated. This project, at a cost of $3,900, gave a completely new appearance to the church interior.

On June 15, 1960, Fr. Joseph Bauer became pastor of St. Patrick's mission. During 1962, a project was begun to provide adequate kitchen facilities to the parish hall. This will include a construction of a wall and the redecoration of the hall.

St. Casimir

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a rainbow. The head of Christ is engulfed in brilliant rays of light. This mosaic was especially designed for our church and executed by a world famous mosaic studio in Rome.

Surmounting the altar is a canopy which is made of anodized aluminum and also was especially designed for the church.

The marble walls in the sanctuary were covered completely from the floor to the ceiling with imported Italian Verde Issorie marble. This is of a green color. The side altar areas were also rebuilt with new white marble platforms. The reredos, or wall area behind the side altars is of colored marble with decorative work hand inlaid. The rest of the wall area is of Italian Issorie marble with a blending of light beige color to offset the green around the main altar.

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New Pulpit

THE ENTIRE sanctuary floor and communion railing step are of Perlato Italia marble. Both are a light beige. In front of the main altar, a decorative panel of inlaid colored marble is set in the floor, depicting the symbols of St. Casimir, the patron of the parish. There we find a lily, the symbol of his purity and the crown, showing that St. Casimir was of royal blood.

Blanco Cararra marble makes up the communion railing with the inlaid work of Pernice del Pastello. The communion railing gates are of cast bronze. The Baptistry area was renovated with additional marble work and grille work with a gate of orna-

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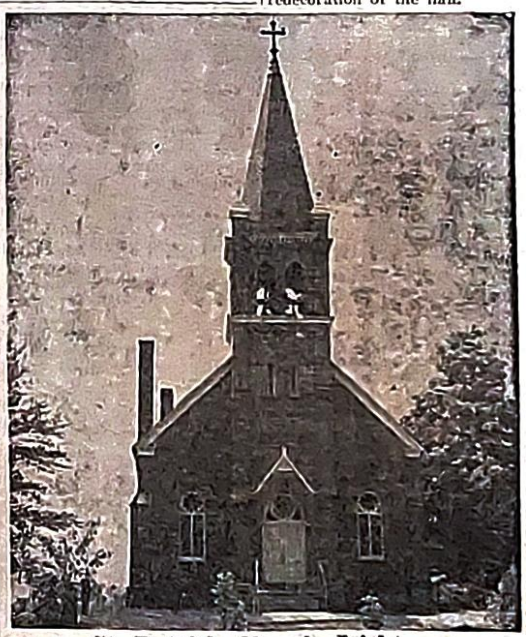

St. Patrick Church, Irishtown

St. Mary Church, Albee

Renovation of Church, Rectory Featured Past Decade at Oakley

OAKLEY—The beginning of St. Michael parish can be traced back to 1863 when the pastor, Father Vandereische of St. Mary's, Corunna, offered Mass here in the homes of Catholic families. In 1871 Oakley as well as the other missions in Chesaning, St. Charles, Maple Grove and Albee, was placed under the care of St. Paul parish, Owosso.

In 1878, while Father Cramer was pastor, a group of 12 Irish Catholics purchased from the Baptists the present St. Michael's Church in Oakley. It was dedicated under the patronage of St. Michael the Archangel.

Six years later, in 1883, the bishop of Grand Rapids assigned St. Michael's Church as a mission to St. Michael's parish in Maple Grove. At the turn of the century the parish of our Lady of Perpetual Help in Chesaning was given pastoral care of Oakley, St. Charles, and Albee.

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First Resident Pastor

IN 1922 FR. Lenzen became the first resident pastor of St. Michael's with his lone mission of St. Mary's, Albee. Under his direction the church was remodeled by adding the sacristy and a front vestibule with a church tower. The First Slovak Catholic Union donated the bells.

With Fr. Lenzen's transfer from Oakley in 1928 the pastoral care was provided for three years by St. Cyril parish in Bannister.

In 1931 Oakley once again received a resident pastor in the person of Father John Grzybowski. During his six years' administration of this parish additional property was bought for the parish including what is now the rectory.

Canon Bruno Wilczewski
Present Pastor

Fr. Grzybowski remained as pastor until 1937. From that year until 1948 various priests administered this parish: Fr. Clement Sigmund for several months; Fr. Frederick Ryan for two years till 1939; Fr. James Czachorski until 1941; Fr. H. Koscielniak until 1942; Fr. Francis Piaskowski until 1943; Fr. John Kucinski until 1946 and Fr. Joseph Gorski until his death in 1948.

His successor, Fr. Anthony Busuttil, immediately after his installation began to carry out plans for the renovation of the church for which purpose funds had been collected by his predecessors.

Present Pastor Named

THANKS TO THE co-operation and sacrifices of the parishioners the basic reconstruction of the church was successfully accomplished.

Fr. Busuttil's work was continued by Fr. John Kolevar who was appointed as pastor of this parish in 1950. This project consisted mainly of redecorating the interior parts of the church.

However, in the course of the years when the church could no longer accommodate the ever-increasing number of Faithful, Fr. Kolevar decided to expand the church as no funds were readily available to build an entirely new church.

He accomplished his task in the same year by adding a transept to the church. He also enlarged the sanctuary so as to give to the church a Gothic style in the form of a cross. This work was successfully crowned by enlarging at the same time the basement of the church which has served as a parish hall.

The final construction work of Fr. Kolevar with the help of the most devoted parishioners was the expansion of the rectory shortly before his new assignment to Tawas City in June, 1959.

The newly-appointed pastor was Father Bruno Wilczewski. The main concern of Fr. Wilczewski was the pastoral and spiritual welfare of the parish since most of the construction needs of the parish were zealously handled by his predecessors. However, there still remained such matters as remodeling the rectory, and of course, repaying the debts.

These existing problems have been solved quite successfully due to the tremendous sacrifices of the good parishioners.

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Shrine Erected

A SHRINE in honor of Our Blessed Mother of Lourdes, a personal gift of the late Paul Sivak, was erected in the vicinity of the church.

In the autumn of 1961, thanks to the co-operation of the Franciscan Fathers of Saginaw, this parish was able to have two regularly-scheduled Masses on Sundays and Holy Days in both Oakly and Albee.

Regular catheetical instructions for children under the able direction of the Dominican Sisters of Chesaning are still conducted weekly.

Weekly devotions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help, the annual spiritual retreats, the sacrifical work of the Altar and Holy Name societies in matters both spiritual and financial, certainly indicate that God will continue to bless this parish not only with an increase or religious vocations, but also with material, financial, and above all, spiritual prosperity in the future.

Saginaw Mount Carmel

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mel was established on June 3, 1956 and held its first meeting on July 1 of that year.

In January of 1957 a building fund was started for the new convent and in March architect Wigen had drawn up the plans. While the old convent was taken down and the new one being built, the Sisters lived at the new St. Mary's Convent.

In February of 1958 the bishop had approved plans for the new convent and construction began on March 17, 1958. The cost of the convent was to be approximately $80,000, including the architect fee and the furnishings. $20,000 had to be borrowed for this endeavor.

The new convent was blessed by Monsignor Harold J. Bolton dean of the Saginaw area, on Oct. 26, 1958. This was less than two years since the start of planning to build the new convent.

In February of 1959 the property immediately behind the church was acquired and was slated to be used for additional playground space. New church doors were installed in the church Oct. 16, 1960. In August, 1961 a sound-proof "cry room" was completed.

In September the Sacrificial Offertory campaign began with Michael Finelli as chairman. Sept. 24, 1961 the last of the convent debt was paid off.

Tithing Day or T-Day as it was called, was set for Oct. 29, 1961, and the men of Mt. Carmel marched out to visit each income-receiving parishioner toward their goal of doubling the Sunday collection. The campaign met with satisfactory success.

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Downtown Area Served

BY MARCH 7, 1962, Ash Wednesday, the church renovation was completed. This included a new ceiling, oak-panelling in the sanctuary, and the rest of the church had been redecorated. On Dec. 1, 1962 the church purchased the property at the corner of Warren and Tuscola and this has been utilized as a parking lot for the time being.

Mt. Carmel has grown from an old one-building plant to a group of lovely modern struc-

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New Church Serves Catholics of Albee

ALBEE—The history of the church in Albee and its congregation can be traced back to the year 1878 when Fr. Reis, then pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Saginaw, dedicated a church in Albee township in honor of Our Lady of the Assumption.

Five years later, in 1883, the pastoral care of this church was placed under the zealous administration of St. Michael's Church in Maple Grove. In 1900 St. Mary's church was attached as a mission to Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish in Chesaning. In 1922 when Fr. Godfrey Lenzen became administrator of St. Michael's parish in Oakley, he also received the complete pastorship of the mission at Albee.

Except for the period of time from 1928-1931 when St. Mary's was under the care of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Chesaning, it has always remained as a mission attached to St. Michael's parish in Oakley.

With the passing of the years and the increase of population, the old church located on the cemetery grounds could no longer accommodate the Faithful. And no longer could this dilapidated structure reflect and express the sacrificial Faith of the parishioners, anxious to display their zeal for God's glory.

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New Church Dedicated

THUS, FR. John Kolovar began to collect funds in order to construct an entirely new church on the property which he had purchased to the north of the cemetery on Fergus road.

Since the parishioners had responded so generously to his appeals for donations towards the new church, Fr. Kolovar was able to have the traditional ground-breaking ceremony for the new structure as early as Dec. 27, 1953.

The church, in modified Romanesque type, and designed by Paul Brysselbout of Bay City, was dedicated by Bishop Woznicki on June 7, 1955.

It has a seating capacity of 420; its exterior is constructed of buff brick; its interior of waylite blocks, laminated wood arches with an exposed wooden ceiling; flanking the church is a campanile containing the church bell.

Total cost was $120,000.

'Pieta' for Cemetery

THE GENERAL contractor was Arthur Vollmer of Saginaw; the heating and ventilation were provided by Brenske of Saginaw and electricity by Hugh Lauzon of Saginaw. In April, 1960, the parking lot on the west side of the church, an area of 11,750 feet, was paved with asphalt by the K.C. Paving Co. of Frankenmuth.

In the same year the old St. Mary's cemetery was graded, cleaned, tiled, and plotted out with the able assistance of such parishioners such as N. Dienhoh, J. Kessler, J. Flory and many others. Likewise, an addition of a wire fence and six brick posts, a personal gift of Mrs. B. Hemker, was erected in front of St. Mary's cemetery.

A life-size statue of the "Pieta" of marble on a granite foundation was financed by Mr. and Mrs. J. Kessler and designed and erected by C. Chavtal. This statue has added immensely to the beauty and serenity of St. Mary's cemetery.

Thanks to the sacrificial spirit of the parishioners of St. Mary's expressed also by the members of the Altar Society and other prominent persons, this mission parish meets all the requirements to become a separate ecclesiastical administrative unity, that is, a self-sufficient parish in the future.

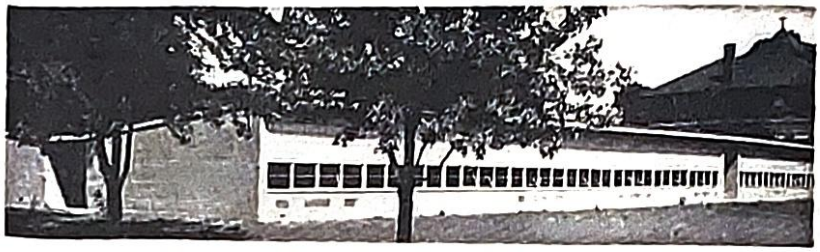
Beauty Contests Draw Bishop's Fire

DUBUQUE, Iowa, (NC)—Archbishop James J. Byrne of Dubuque has asked the people of his archdiocese not to attend or participate in beauty contests in which the contestants parade about in bathing suits.

In a letter published in the archdiocesan paper, the Witness, the Archbishop said:

"I ASK ALL Catholic women in this archdiocese to have nothing to do with any 'beauty contest' that embodies bathing-suited contestants being paraded and judged. I also ask all Catholic men to have nothing to do with arranging such a contest. I ask all Catholics to abstain from attending any such exhibition."

MARBLE AND granite statue of Our Lady of Lourdes was blessed by Fr. Bruno Wilczewski in October, 1960 for Oakley St. Michael parish.



Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, Chesaning

New Grade School Completed in 1956

CHESANING—The early history of Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish dates back to 1863 when Chesaning was a station cared for from St. Mary's Corunna. This arrangement was in effect from 1863 to 1871. In 1871 it was attached to St. Paul's, Owosso.

In 1878, Chesaning as a station was transferred to Saginaw Sacred Heart under Fr. Reis. It remained a station of Sacred Heart 1883 when Chesaning became a part of St. Michael parish, Maple Grove.

In the early days of the village, the little band of Catholics held their meetings in the upper portion of the Edward Baldwin home on the corner of Canal and Broad streets. During this period, the religious services were conducted by Father Irmin from 1883 to 1889, and by Father Gustave Graf from 1889-1891.

In 1891, the parish, of less than 30 families bought the ground where the church and rectory now stand and began work.

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First Pastor in 1900

THE CHURCH was constructed under the supervision of Father Weissteiner for $1,000.

Father Alphonse Studer was appointed as first pastor on Jan. 1, 1900. At this time the missions of St. Charles, Albee and Oakley were attached to the parish.

Father Studer lived with Father Weissteiner at Maple Grove for the first three years due to the lack of a rectory. The rectory was built in the spring and summer of 1903 at a cost of $2,200.

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School Opened

IN THE SPRING of 1905, Father Studer began building a four room, two story school.

In September, 1906, two classrooms were opened with the Dominican Sisters from Grand Rapids teaching.

The first enrollment was 25. In 1952, the grade and high school had a faculty of eight Dominican Sisters with an enrollment of 300.

The opening of the school brought on an influx of 70 families in the next few years.

While the church was being enlarged to meet the new needs a windstorm blew it down in June, 1911.

During 1911 and 1912 the present structure was erected; while church services were held on the second floor of the grade school.

On Nov. 30, 1920 a residence on the corner of Church and Charles sts. was purchased for $2,500 as a home for the Sisters.

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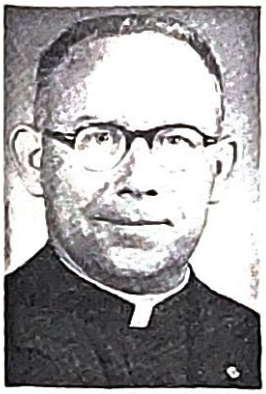
School Enlarged

IN 1916 Father Studer was given an assistant, Fr. Godfrey Lenzen, who had complete charge of Oakley and Albee until 1922.



Fr. Henry C. Eickholt
Present Pastor

Fr. John F. Grinzinger

In 1922, when Oakley and Albee were self sustaining, Father Lenzen was appointed pastor of St. Michael, Oakley, with St. Marys', Albee as a mission.

Chesaning kept on growing and developing until in November, 1927 St. Charles was taken away and given a pastor.

The school became too small, so in 1932 Father Studer started a high school which was completed in 1933.

Religious vocations from the parish included Sister Audrey Adelman of the Sisters of Mercy, and the following Dominicans: Sister Isidore Studer, Sister Joseph Marie Kuhn, Sister Leonarda Ruff, Sister Thecla Nietling, Sister Jordan Marie Homolka, Sister Adrienne Adelman and Sister Emma Kulhanek.

In the religious brotherhood, the parish is represented by Brother Robert Young, C.S.C. of Notre Dame, Ind. At present the parish has one priest, Father Leo Gengler, and three seminarians, Bernard Lewirtz and George and Gregory Paul, twin brothers.

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Present Pastor

THE HIGH school was Fr. Studer's last project. In the winter of 1934, he became ill with pneumonia from which he never fully recovered. He resigned his parish in October, 1934, and retired. He died June 19, 1945.

On Nov. 7, 1934 Fr. John F. Grinzinger was appointed pastor of the parish of 140 families. By 1952 there were more than 350 families.

In April of 1950 the contract was let for the new convent for $100,000. The beautiful modern convent with accomodations for 12 nuns was completed and the Sisters moved in on Jan. 20, 1952.

Sept. 7, 1955 purchase was made of lots 1, 2, 3, and 198 feet of East portion of lot 6, of Block 21, of Clark's Addition, Chesaning, for additional play grounds.

Contract for a new eight room Grade School of $146,277.00 was signed March 27, 1956. Construction began April 9, 1956. It was completed Dec. 20, 1956.

Fr. Bela Torok was assigned as assistant June 15, 1956. He was replaced by Fr. Joseph Kluonius Sept. 2, 1958.

Bishop Woznicki was here October 29, 1958 for Canonical Visitation and found everything in good condition.

June 15, 1960 Fr. Kluonius was replaced by Fr. Eppenbrock as assistant to this parish.

On Sept. 5, 1962 Fr. Eppenbrock was sent to St. James, Bay City, and Fr. Joseph D. Ryan was appointed as new assistant.

On May 7, 1963, Fr. Grinzinger resigned and Fr. Henry Eckholt wa sappointed the third pastor of Our Lady's Church. He was installed on June 14, 1963.

Mount Carmel

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tures, and now serves a wide area of Saginaw as well as many Catholics who work in the down-town area and attend Mass there particularly on Holy Days, Sundays and during the lenten weekdays.

Father Francis A. Jurek has assisted this parish in two different periods for at least 19 years: in 1939 to 1940, and 1944 much of the time until the present. Father Jurek is highly respected by parishioners and friends of Mt. Carmel.

From the year 1929 until 1942 this parish has received weekend assistance from the following priests. Father Henry A. Simon, at that time a professor of St. Joseph Seminary, Grand Rapids; Fr. John W. McNeil, Fr. M. I. Kalahar, and Msgr. Harold J. Bolton.

The latter three priests were chaplains at St. Vincent Home in successive periods, and helping at Mt. Carmel seemed to be one of their valued duties. In later miscellaneous periods this parish received help from Fr. Eugene A. McCarthy, Monsignor Eugene A. Forbes and Father Thomas G. Brennan.

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Religious Vocations

VOCATIONS TO THE religious life have not been too numerous, but the parish has made a few contributions. Father Alfred Hyland was a zealous promoter of vocations.

The present pastor of Mt. Carmel who attended this school in the early elementary years, received his first invitation to the priesthood from Fr. Hyland.

We are told that Father Hyland, through his work as pastor and chaplain of St. Mary's Hospital, had a city-wide interest in people, and he helped and counselled them in numerous ways.

He was a close friend, for example of the Flannery family, and from this family have come two vocations to the priesthood, and three to the sisterhood. Among these we are happy to list Mother Mary Victor, the Superior General of the Grand Rapids Dominicans.

Father Daniel E. Izzo, now the pastor of Our Lady of the Lake Parish Prudenville, started out at Mt. Carmel, and was confirmed here.

Sister Mary Gemma, O.P., of the Grand Rapids Dominicans, is a vocation of this parish, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Licavoli of 416 Clark St. Her parents and family are still members here.

Fr. Edward Konieczka was ordained a priest this past June, and offered his first Mass in this parish. He attended Mt. Carmel School, and his family belongs here. He is the son of Mrs. John Konieczka of 124 N. 16th. st. His father died on Jan. 31, 1961.

As for the future, our chief endeavor in temporal matters will be to acquire more property both for parking, and expansion of parish facilities. We are confident that the Saginaw Downtown area will soon be renewed, and it will be important that adequate church facilities be available for Catholics who work, or live in these surroundings.

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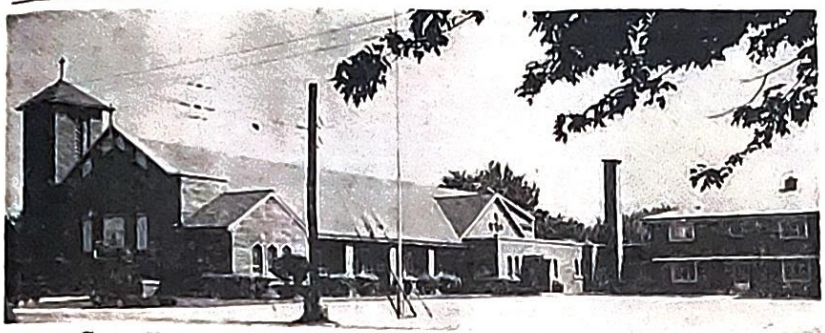

Carrollton St. Josaphat Church and Rectory in 1963

Modern Church, Rectory and Hall at Zilwaukee St. Matthew

Next Project: Construction of a New Church—

St. Matthew's Survived Lean Years as Mission, Now Thrives as Parish

ZILWAUKEE—A history of St. Matthew parish was published on the occasion of its 85th year of establishment (Jan. 9, 1952). It was later republished in the Catholic Weekly edition (May 25, 1952) commemorating the 100th anniversary of organized Catholic life in the Saginaw area.

When Zilwaukee Township celebrated its centennial in June, 1951, a history of the township was also published in booklet form.

In order to avoid repeating information offered on these former occasions, an effort will be made here to give a brief summary of the parish history to the year 1952, with mention being made of certain facts previously unrecorded, together with more detailed narration of events from 1952 to the present date.

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Centennial in 1967

ST. MATTHEW'S parish, Zilwaukee, will celebrate its 100th birthday on Jan. 9, 1967.

This will mark 100 years from the date that Father Reinurus Van Der Heyden, pastor of St. Andrew Church, Saginaw, purchased the original site of St. Matthew's at the northwest corner of Westervelt and Green (Capital) streets in Zilwaukee from Patrick and Bridget Clark, his parishioners.

There is local tradition to the effect that Father Van Der Heyden celebrated Mass before this date in the private homes of his Zilwaukee people.

He easily could have done so since he came to the Saginaw area some time in 1861. Zilwaukee would certainly have merited his ministrations because the township population in 1870 was 1,153 persons, many of whom were of French Canadian and Irish Catholic origin.

The name "Zilwaukee" intrigues many who hear it or see it in print.

The probable explanation of its origin is that the township founders, Daniel and Solomon Johnson, coined the name to sound like Milwaukee, Wis., with the ulterior motive of attracting

Father James F. Gavit
Present Pastor

German immigrants to their settlement on the Saginaw river rather than to the better known destination on the shores of Lake Michigan.

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Population Dwindles

IN THE Zilwaukee Centennial booklet the energies of Daniel Johnson are outlined.

One fact not previously mentioned is that he was chosen state senator from Saginaw County for one term in the election of Nov. 2, 1852, polling 609 votes as the Democratic candidate, topping John H. Richardson, his Whig opponent, who collected 448 votes.

After its initial booming start, the Zilwaukee sawmill settlement gradually faded away with the disappearance of timber from Michigan's Lower Peninsula and the concomitant lack of work for its inhabitants. The township population (which was 1,963 in 1890) had dwindled to a mere 893 in 1900.

This fact occasioned the following comment from Father Alexander Fournier, pastor of Carrollton-Zilwaukee, to his Bishop, Most Rev. Henry J. Richter of Grand Rapids, under date of Jan. 13, 1897: "Zilwaukee amounts to nothing now. Of thirty families there are only five or six who attend services."

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Families Remain Loyal

THE PAROCHIAL difficulties of these times have been previously detailed, but they are further underscored by the fact that the annual income of St. Matthew's during this post lumber era is given as follows: 1914, $366.33; 1915, $340.10; 1916, $351.12.

The Zilwaukee Mission might have been closed down entirely had it not been for the loyalty of its founding families. One of them, the Metiva family, should be pointed out.

Oliver and Mary Louise (Revore) Metiva came to Zilwaukee from Bay City in 1872, and themselves raised a family of 12 children. It is estimated that today there are a total of 677 descendants of this pioneering couple, of which number 226 presently reside in Zilwaukee Township.

During the depression years of the early 1930s, St. Matthew's Mission was again in dire financial straits.

This fact, combined with the close proximity of the Zilwaukee mission to its Carrollton mother church, influenced Bishop Joseph G. Pinton of Grand Rapids to close the church doors during the summer months of 1931.

The opposition of the parishioners to this episcopal decree led to its reopening in September, 1931.

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Fire Sparks New Spirit

THINGS WERE not much improved in 1938. The then pastor, Reverend Father Eugene A. McCarthy, reported to his bishop that his mission numbered 40 families with 172 souls. He reported the 1938 annual income as $869.85.

One happening that brought

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St. Josaphat's Develops a New Suburbanite Look

CARROLLTON—Between 1880 and 1910 a nucleus of 140 families of Polish descent settled in Carrollton Township bordering the city of Saginaw. Having to trek three miles across town to Holy Rosary Church they dreamed of a church of their own.

This dream emerged into reality when in 1911 property was purchased on Shattuck road at Harrison st. A combination church-school building was erected and opened in November, 1913 with Fr. Francis Kaczmarek conducting the first services. The school was staffed by Dominican Sisters.

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Building Boom

ITS MISSION status continued until May 9, 1916 when James Czachorski was appointed the first resident pastor. Within two years a rectory was constructed on Harrison street at a cost of $8,500.

During the succeeding years the parish grew slowly. Serving as pastors were: Fathers Joseph Malinowski, Leopold Opyrchalski and Stephen Narloch.

From September, 1943 to March, 1959 Fr. Leo Piaskowski served as pastor.

During his tenure, after World War II, Carrollton Township experienced a building boom. The landscape, heretofore a haven of game birds and rabbits, became dotted with ranch homes, patios and television aerials.

To accommodate the new growth, a new church, seating 540, was erected in 1952 at a cost of $150,000. In 1957 the school was extensively remodeled at a cost of $75,000.

Additional property was acquired on Monroe and Harrison streets for future building and to expand palyground facilities.

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500 Families Now

ON MARCH 12, 1959 Fr. C. E. Walkowiak was installed as pastor. Soon after on April 8, 1959 St. Josaphat parish was canonically given territorial status with prescribed boundaries.

Fr. Casimir E. Walkowiak
Present Pastor

The parish had now acquired a modern suburbanite look embracing 500 families with 310 children enrolled in the school.

Construction of a new Rectory was begun on June 1, 1961 and completed on Dec. 29, 1961 at a cost of $100,000. The antiquated rectory was razed to make room for a future convent.

In August of 1962 the grounds were landscaped and the parking areas expanded and coated with asphalt at a cost of $7,690.

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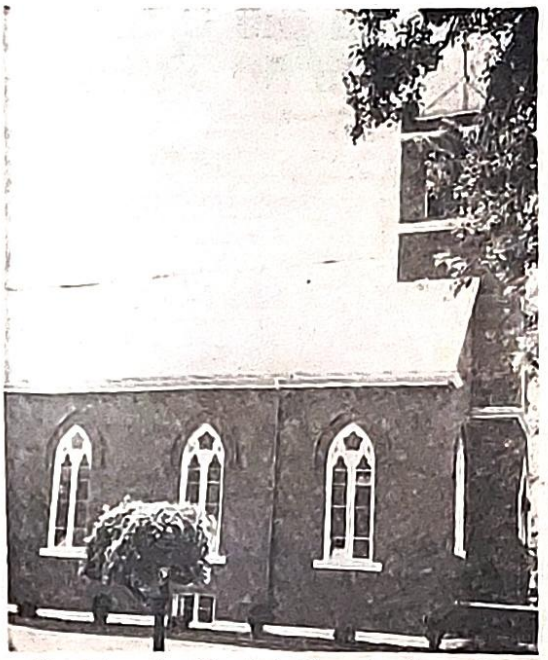

St. John the Baptist Church, Carrollton

New Subdivisions Point to Bright Future for Parish

CARROLLTON—Faith and fire are the two words that best sumarize the history of St. John the Baptist parish, Carrollton, and its former mission church, St. Matthew, Zilwaukee. The faith and resultant works of both priest and people built both of these churches. Fire destroyed both of them, and the insurmountable faith of the principals involved rebuilt them.

The material seed of the mother church, St. John the Baptist, was planted in the way of forms, footings and the like in the spring of 1887 on the east side of Jefferson Street between Maple and Walnut Streets.

The combined efforts of contractor and volunteer parishioner help saw the first implant grow to the point where, on June 5, 1887, Bishop Richter of Grand Rapids laid and blessed the cornerstone.

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Early Pastors

THE FOLLOWING year saw the full growth of the former spring planting and the same Bishop Richter dedicated it on Nov. 18, 1888, under the title, St. John the Baptist.

Father John Baptist Dupuis was appointed the first resident pastor of St. John the Baptist with St. Matthew, Zilwaukee, as his mission. The same Father Dupuis was instrumental in organizing Holy Family, Saginaw, during his six-year tenure at St. John the Baptist.

Father Michael J. Gallagher, who later became Bishop of Detroit, succeeded Father Dupuis.

Father Gallagher was in turn succeeded by Father A. Fournier, under whose pastorate disaster struck. Fire razed the proud structure of the people of St. John the Baptist on Feb. 6, 1898.

Left without a church in which to worship, the people of St. John the Baptist accepted the hospitality of its mission offspring, St. Matthew, Zilwaukee. Two Masses were offered on Sundays and holy days to take care of the larger congregation.

Both Carrollton and Zilwaukee were temporarily serviced as missions out of Holy Family, Saginaw, by a succession of assistant pastors assigned canonically to Holy Family over a period of ten years.

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Parish Re-juvenated

ACCORDING to the old timers two major factors militated against reconstructing St. John the Baptist Church at that time. It was just about this time that the lumbering era was singing its swan song in the Saginaw Valley, and many of the parishioners had moved away with the lumber mills. Also, the panic of 1893 worked havoc with the people. They were out of work and were without the bare necessities of life.

Fr. Michael L. Maher
Present Pastor

Father Louis M. Prudhomme was pastor at Holy Family, Saginaw, at this time and it was under his direction that St. John the Baptist in Carrollton realized its resurrection after ten years.

The faith of the old core plus a sprinkling of new blood saw the cornerstone of the new church laid May 31, 1908, and the church blessed on Sept. 10, 1913.

During the ensuing building years, Father Barrette left his position as assistant at Holy Family Church, Saginaw, and became resident pastor at Carrollton on September 5, 1911. He took care of both St. John the Baptist and the Zilwaukee mission, St. Matthew.

For the next 40 years St. John the Baptist with its mission in Zilwaukee experienced its Good Fridays and Easter Sundays. The faith was solidly entrenched, the Holy Sacrifice was offered

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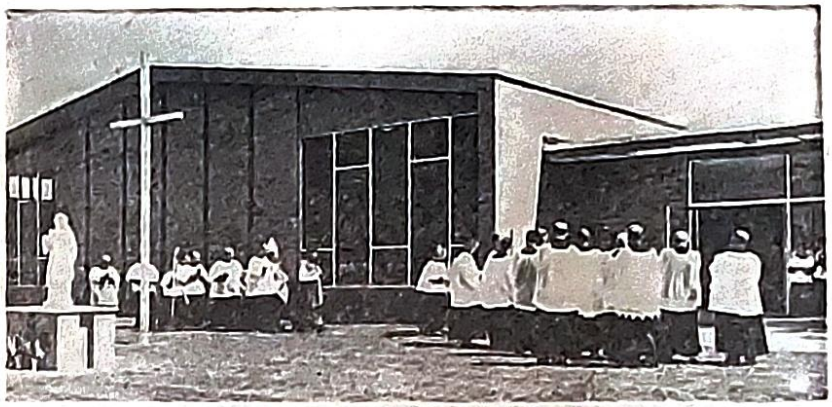

Dedication of Freeland Church-Hall, August, 1961

Freeland St. Agnes (Philomena) Given Parish Status June 15, 1960

FREELAND — During the summer of 1956 Bishop Woznicki ordered that a few of his seminarians take a census of the area in and around Freeland to determine the feasability of establishing a parish in the community.

The Bishop was prompted to take this census at the urging of a few area Catholic families who lived and dreamed of their own church.

Many of the Catholic families attended Mass at St. Brigid in Midland and many went to St. Joseph of Auburn — but due to distance and other factors these people felt they were not really an integral part of the church they attended.

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Mission Established

THE CENSUS disclosed that there were 120 Catholic families in the area but many of the people were not practicing their faith and it was felt that the spiritual good of these families would be best served by a church established at Freeland.

The Bishop wrote Msgr. Joseph B. Illig, pastor of St. Brigid, Midland and entrusted to him the responsibility of establishing a mission at Freeland.

At this time the Bishop established the lines of the parish to correspond with those of Tittabawassee Township in Saginaw County.

Father Robert J. Duggan, then assistant at St. Brigid's was given the responsibility of taking care of this mission. It was given the name of St. Philomena.

The first Mass was offered in the new mission in the Memorial Park building of Freeland by Father Duggan on Sunday, Sept. 9, 1956. Some 300 persons were present at the first Mass which was said at a hand built altar constructed by the craftsmen members of the parish.

A statue of St. Philomena was presented to the new church by Father James Hickey.

A realization of the faith of the people of the area can be gained when we realize that the men of the parish transported the altar and all equipment for Mass each Sunday morning in the wee hours from a storage garage over to the Municipal Building.

During this period Father Arnold Messing alternated with Father Duggan at St. Philomena and a Capuchin Father from the Retreat house in Saginaw would say the second Mass.

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Parish Status in 1960

ON SEPT.12, 1957 Father Duggan was transferred and Father Ignatius O'Brien came to St. Brigid with the care of the mission of St. Philomena. On May 12, 1958 Father Thomas Ryan was named pastor of St. Brigid with the care of the Freeland Mission.

When Father Messing was transferred on August 21, 1958, the new assistant at St. Brigid, Father Michalski administered to the spiritual needs of the Parish.

Fr. James B. Ecarius

Ten acres of land in the community had been purchased for a church site under Father Duggan and on Aug. 30, 1959 ground was broken for the new church building. The church was planned as a temporary church with a hall and kitchen attached.

The architect was Brysselbout and Consolidated Construction did the building under the capable supervision of Father Ryan.

On June 15, 1960 St. Philomena was separated from St. Brigid parish in Midland and at this time sections 1, 12, 13, and 10 through 36 of Ingersoll Township were also added to the parish limits.

It was on this date of June 15, 1960 that Father Peter M. Robertson was transferred from SS. Peter and Paul Saginaw to Administrator of St. Philomena's with residence at St. Paul Seminary where he was also appointed as a professor. It was under Father Robertson's capable direction and wonderful support of the people that the church building progressed.

Altar, pews, and vestments were donated to the new church by the Sisters of Mercy of St. Mary's hospital which was then building a new chapel.

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Name Changed

IN VIEW OF the decree of Pope John XXIII on the necessity of historical accuracy and that all churches under the name of St. Philomena be changed, the Bishop on April 21, 1961 changed the name of the church to St. Agnes.

The completed church of St. Agnes was dedicated by Bishop Woznicki on Sunday, Aug. 20, 1961.

It was due to the extensive

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Fr. Peter M. Robertson
Buried from church for which he labored.

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SHRINE TO OUR LADY, Mother of Longing, stands near the entrance of the new St. Mary's Church at St. Charles.

New Church Built in Era of Revival

ST. CHARLES—The year 1873 marks an event in the early history of St. Charles which is dear to all Catholics. It was in this year that Mass was celebrated for the first time in this vicinity by Father R. Van der Heyden, pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Saginaw, and an early apostle of this area.

Years pass by. Old timers remember that Mass was said at one time in the Diamond hotel, and in the former Presbyterian church bought by Father Reis. In 1883 St. Mary's was given to Maple Grove as a mission; in 1888 to St. Mary's, Hemlock under the care of Fr. Thomas McNamara. St. Charles mission remained attached to Hemlock parish until 1900. When Fr. Alphonsus Studer, an assistant to Maple Grove, was placed in charge of the four surrounding missions: Chesaning, St. Charles, Oakley and Albee.

St. Mary's at St. Charles remained as a mission until January 1928, when Fr. Constantine Skowronski was appointed the first resident pastor. He served till July, 1933.

After the fire of December, 1929 a church-school combination building was constructed. A house on Belle Avenue was purchased to serve as a rectory.

The following pastors were appointed to serve: July, 1933, Fr. Frank Kaminski; September, 1935, Fr. Edward J. Maclejewski; September, 1941, Fr. James Czachorski; September, 1943, Fr. Leonard Kwasigroch; March, 1945, Fr. Stephen J. Kozak; and June, 1953, Fr. Leo Skornia, the present pastor.

St. Mary's School was opened in September of the year 1909 by Father Alphonsus Studer. The Dominican Sisters from Grand Rapids were engaged to teach.

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Era of Revival

THE YEARS of 1952-1962 were an era of improvement and building and of renewal and revival.

Shortly before his transfer to St. Casimir, Posen, Father Kozak began a campaign of increased giving to the building fund. The dream of a new church at St. Charles was in the offing.

Late in 1953, changes and improvements were inaugurated in the school. Higher enrollment demanded the changes. In the fall of 1955 an intense campaign for funds was begun with much success.

Plans and sketches for the new church were made in the beginning of 1956. Ground-breaking took place July 29, 1956, with Father Skornia turning over the first shovel. Fred Berg, Mark Walsh and Del DeShone took part in the ceremonies.

Fr. Leo Skornia
Present Pastor

The cornerstone for the new St. Mary church was blessed on Sunday, September 16, 1956, by Monsignor John J. Somefeld, vicar general and pastor of Saginaw SS. Peter and Paul parish.

On Sunday, July 14, 1957, the first Mass was offered in the new church. Bishop Woznicki dedicated the new church on Sept. 8, 1957. The climax of a long cherished dream was realized.

The bells of St. Mary's church were a gift from the school pupils.

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Convent Built

THE NEXT TWO years saw much improvement in the school-classrooms and a kitchen was created on the second floor of the church-school building.

New washroom facilities were added to the school. The grounds were improved and retaining walls set up to make the parking lot usable.

In January, 1960 plans were made for a Sisters' home east of the church. Ground breaking ceremonies took place the last Sunday of April.

The new convent was first occupied by the Sisters in October of 1960. The old convent became the residence of the pastor in June as the house on Belle ave. was abandoned.

The years of 1960-1961 saw other projects on the parish grounds—a shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary under the title of Mother of Longing.

A pavilion of large proportions, which will be enclosed in the future for a parish hall, and a new rectory in the days to come will complete the building project.

Two societies were added to the other parish organizations: Archconfraternity of Christian Mothers, Nov. 13, 1960; and Home and School association, October, 1961.

An extra 6½ acres of land for the cemetery was bought in 1956.

25th Anniversary

The Merchants of St. Charles extend Best Wishes to Bishop Stephen S. Woznicki and to the people of the Saginaw Diocese, on this Great Occasion—

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But Still Don't Keep Pace—

Priests in the U. S. Tripled in 50 Years

By Russell Shaw
N.C.W.C. News Service

THE NUMBER of U. S. Catholic priests more than tripled in the last half-century, according to figures in the Official Catholic Directories for the past 50 years.

However, the same figures show that in the last 25 years the number of U. S. Catholics has increased at a substantially faster rate than the number of priests, and the ratio of priests to Catholics has deteriorated.

The directory, published by P. J. Kenedy & Sons, is the most exhaustive published source of statistics on the Church in the U. S. The first issue of a U. S. Catholic directory appeared in 1817.

The number of priests in 1963 is more than three times greater than in 1912—55,581 as compared with 17,491. This is a total increase of 38,090.

By contrast, the 1963 Catholic population is a little less than three time that of 1912—42,876,665 compared with 15,015,569.

WHAT THIS means in practice is evident from the change in the ratio of priests to the total Catholic population. In 1912, there was one priest for every 852 Catholics. Now there is one priest for every 771 Catholics.

There is, however, another side to this picture, since in 1937, the midway mark in the past half century, the ratio of priests to Catholics was actually one per every 662. Thus, while the ratio improved between 1912 and 1937, it has actually deteriorated in the last 25 years.

Between 1912 and 1937, the number of priests rose from 17,191 to 31,619—an increase of 14,158. Between 1937 and 1962, the number rose by 23,932 to a total of 55,581.

Thus, the size of the increase in number of priests in the 25 years from 1937 to 1962 was more than half again as great as the increase from 1912 to 1937.

However, the 1937 total of priests was 1.8 times the 1912 total, whereas the 1962 figure is 1.75 times the 1937 total.

MEANWHILE, between 1912 and 1937, the total Catholic population was increasing 1.4 times (15 million to almost 21 million) while between 1937 and 1962 it more than doubled (21 million to nearly 43 million).

In 1912 there were 12,996 U. S. diocesan priests and in 1962 there are 33,774. Thus, the number of diocesan clergy today is two-and-a-half times the number of a half century ago.

St. Brigid

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signor necessarily delegated the active work to capable assistants to whom the Bishop thoughtfully gave longer appointments than usual:

Fr. Cornelius N. MacEachin (1948-53); Fr. Isadore Mikulski (1951-56); Fr. Robert J. Duggan (1953-57); Fr. Francis L. Lang (January-June 1956); Fr. Arnold A. Messing (June 1956-1958); Fr. Ignatius L. O'Brien (Sept. 1957-May 1958); the latter serving as Administrator during the last illness and the interim following his death.

Monsignor Illig's pride was the beautiful Tudor-Gothic church built in 1940 and furnished gradually. His last year was devoted to the installation of the stained glass windows replete with Irish Catholic history and traditions.

The final touch—decorating—was only in preliminary sketching, and reserved for a successor. (Note: The decorating will be completed by press time of this issue.)

On May 12, 1958 Fr. Thomas W. Ryan, a native of Midland County, succeeded Monsignor Illig to form a pastoral team with Fr. Camill F. Klos of Blessed Sacrament in church planning for Midland as they had for Youth Activities years previously.

The first item on the parish level was modernizing buildings and equipment—along with the construction of the church-auditorium in Freeland.

Both have been completed so the parish is gathering funds for land acquisition, the new convent and rectory; at the same time supporting the Catholic Central High School program. By 1970 we are confident the program will be completed.

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Educational Status

PRESENTLY THERE are 420 pupils in St. Brigid's Grade School; and 350 elementary pupils in the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine program held on Saturday mornings and directed by the Legion of Mary.

There are also 190 of the public high school students enrolled in the CCD classes on Monday evenings.

There are 14 students studying for the priesthood—one of whom was ordained in June; five novices and one postulant have joined religious orders of women.

The final realization of the Catholic High School and the fact that so many of the "newcomers" are degreed parents with vocations already in the family, gives promise that Midland will give numerous vocations to both the priesthood and the various sisterhoods for years to come—this is the hope of parents and pastors.

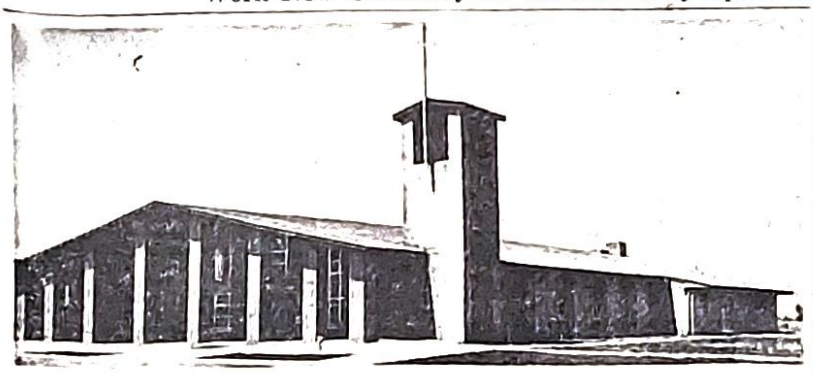
Family Life

The Catholic Family Life Movement goes back to the encyclical of Pope Pius XI on Christian Marriage published in 1930. It aims to restore Christian Marriage and family life.

The Bishops of the United States in order to implement this movement established the Family Life Bureau as part of the Social Action Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

MICHIGAN PIONEER — Father Martin Kundig was prominent among the early priests working in Ohio, Michigan and the Saginaw Diocese area.

Work Now Underway on the New Holy Spirit Church and School at Shields



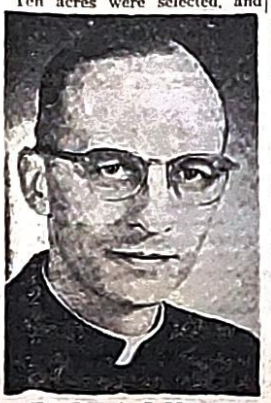
St. Mary Church, Hemlock

New School Next Step in Parish Rebuilding Program

HEMLOCK—Fr. Frank McLaughlin, named pastor on Sept. 12, 1951, continued the plans inaugurated by Fr. Martin I. Kalahar, looking toward a new Church for St. Mary's Parish. As savings increased for this purpose, plans were made and executed to purchase the necessary property.

Ten acres were selected, and these were bought by the parish from Mr. and Mrs. Daniel O'Grady, long-time parishioners.

The new property was located on the western fringe of the village of Hemlock, a quarter of a mile west of the original parish property, on M-46 (Gratiot Road).



Fr. Francis J. Murray
Present Pastor

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New Church Dedicated

BY 1958, when the new property was secured, architects (Frantz and Spence, Saginaw) were engaged to draw up suitable plans for the new church.

In May of 1959 a pastoral change saw Fr. Ignatius O'Brien succeeding Fr. McLaughlin, who was transferred to St. Agatha's Church at Gagetown. At this time, too, a final pledge drive was made through the parish.

With this as necessary security, ground was broken for the construction of the new St. Mary's Church on Aug. 15, 1959.

Contractors were: general, Fred C. Trier of Saginaw; mechanical, Cook & Hoag of Saginaw; electrical, W. N. Atherton of Saginaw. Progress on the construction moved very quickly, so that as early as November, 1959, the cornerstone of the new structure could be blessed and laid by Msgr. John J. Sonefeld, vicar general of the diocese.

On Mothers' Day, May 8, 1960, the first Mass was offered in the new St. Mary's Church.

Solemn dedication of the Church, seating 550 persons, was fulfilled by Bishop Woznicki on Aug. 15, 1960.

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Building Continues

THE EAGERNESS and generosity of the parishioners at St. Mary's was not yet exhausted. Plans were immediately made to continue the parish rebuilding program with construction of a new rectory behind the Church.

Large donations to the parish gave acceleration to this project, even though the new Church was still in considerable debt. Ground

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HEMLOCK SALUTES . . .

. . . The Diocese of Saginaw on this 25th Anniversary

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Mission Still Active

FREMONT—Guardian Angels' mission continues to thrive, in tribute to the zeal and earnestness of the parishioners.

Membership in the parish has dropped during recent years, until now there are 40 families active in it.

The Church has been redecorated twice since 1951, and improvements have been made in the basement hall.

THESE undertakings, together with the continued fervent Sacramental life, guarantee that the parish will be kept alive in Fremont Township for many years to come.

The Mission of Guardian Angel has done its part in meeting expenses of the St. Mary's School, in which its children are enrolled, and in paying the costs for the new Rectory in Hemlock.

Especially worthy of mention for their energy and zeal are the Scotch society and the Guardian Angel Altar society.

Holy Spirit Parish Established in 1959

SHIELDS—In the Summer of 1959 each household in the Shields area entertained special visitors. They wore the blue habit of the Mission Sisters of the Holy Ghost, and their visit was for the purpose of taking a census. From the Tittabawassee River to Graham Road, from Tittabawasee Road to the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad right of way they visited homes.

The report they submitted to Bishop Woznicki, indicated that there were at least 190 practicing Catholic families in the area, and an additional hundred families in which some vestige of the faith was present and who would benefit from the ministrations of a parish.

At the time the people were attending 17 different parishes, with the majority of them going to SS. Peter and Paul and St. Thomas in Saginaw.

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Parish Established

IT WAS decided to allow the people of the Shields area to unite their efforts in a single parish endeavor. Fifteen acres of property were available at the site of the old Cavanaugh farm at 1035 North River Road.

A farm house on the property would, once remodeled, serve as a rectory.

The St. Vincent Villa chapel, located on the property adjoining the parish site to the West, was offered by the Sisters of Charity for use for divine services. On Sept. 29 the new parish was officially established.

The first Sunday Mass was offered at 8 a.m. on Oct. 2 at the Villa chapel.

Father Harold R. Sikorski, appointed as first pastor, explained the meaning of the parish. It was simply the family of Christ gathered around the altar to celebrate the Eucharist. Though the parish as yet had no other building of its own except the rectory, it would be able to carry out its function right from the beginning.

With the celebration of the first Mass and the first new birth through the waters of baptism, of Richard Nathan Thompson, the parish was in a sense already complete.

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Groups Organized

THE FIRST Church Committee consisted of Anthony Czymbor, James Dooley, Raymond McEachin, John Quinn, and Edmund Wurtzel.

Fr. Noel T. Rudy
Present Pastor

Two organizations were quickly formed. The Altar society, with Mrs. Bernard Murphy as its first president, began to function almost immediately. The Men's club was formed soon after and Edmund Wurtzel was elected the first president.

With December came the completion of remodeling of the rectory.

Catechism classes were already in full swing. The 100 children enrolled attended classes in improvised classrooms at the Villa. Once more the Sisters had come to our assistance in allowing us the use of the Villa buildings.

The number of children in catechism has since grown to 200 with classes being held each Saturday from 9 to 11. Two Sisters of Mercy, assisted by seven lay catechists, conduct the classes. High School students attend the High School of Religion at St. Mary Cathedral each Monday evening.

On October 21, 1962 the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine was officially organized in the parish and established by the

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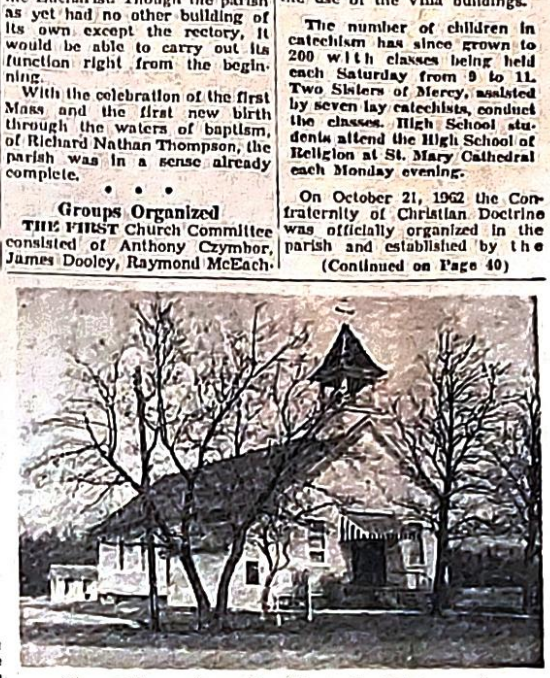
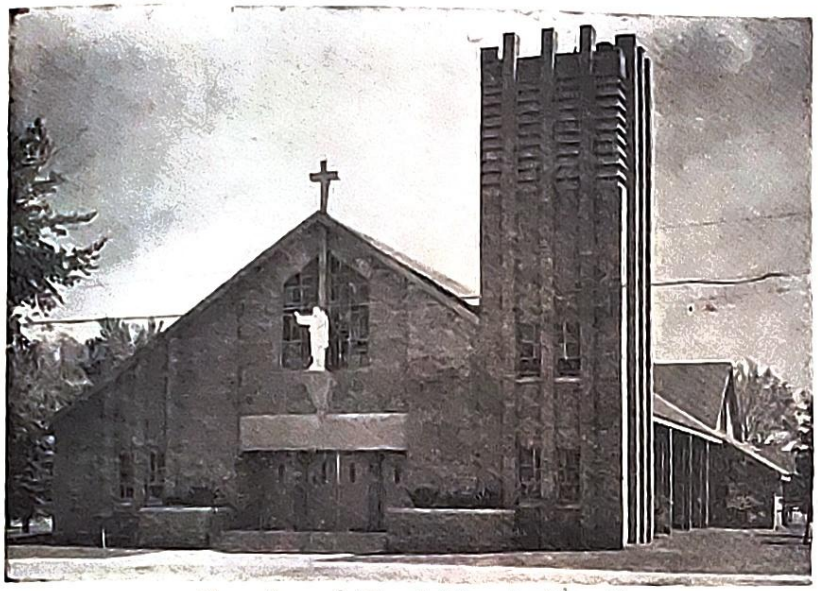


Guardian Angels Church, Fremont



New Sacred Heart Church, Merrill

Building Progress Marked Past Decade at Sacred Heart Parish

MERRILL—The beginnings of Catholic life in Merrill was ministered to as early as 1878 by the missionary activities of Father Reinurus Van Der Heyden of St. Andrew Parish, Saginaw, and Father Richard Sweeney of St. Joseph's Parish, Saginaw.

The start of an organized parish was made in 1886 with the efforts of Fr. Thomas J. McNamara of Hemlock. While the first Sacred Heart Church was built in 1888, it was not until 1896 that Fr. Robert W. Brown was named the first pastor at Merrill.

Pastors who have served Sacred Heart Parish are: Fr. Brown (1896), Fr. Timothy O'Connell (1896), Fr. Francis B. Brogger (1897 to 1923), Fr. Daniel J. Wynne (1923 to 1939), Fr. Frederick W. Ryan (1939 to 1959).

The present pastor is Fr. Glenn Wm. Cronkite, installed on May 14, 1959.

The Rectory was built in 1899. A school and a convent followed closely in 1906 and the Dominican Sisters of Grand Rapids continue to staff Sacred Heart school. Additions were made to the school in 1918 and in 1952.

Attached to Sacred Heart Parish as a mission was the Church of St. Theresa in Marion Springs, 12 miles south of Merrill. It was built in 1893.

In the early years a restricted schedule of Masses were offered there. This schedule gradually decreased and finally ceased entirely as the few families of that area began to use th facilitis of the Merrill Church and School.

This Mission of St. Theresa was canonically dissolved on Oct. 12, 1961. Construction of a memorial to the pioneer parishioners is now under way on the site of the former Church.

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School, Church Built

FATHER FREDERICK W. Ryan's pastorate of 20 years (1939 to 1959) was marked by many improvements in the parish buildings and new construction. In 1952 the over-crowded original school building necessitated the construction of a modern two-classroom elementary school.

Built at a cost of $55,000.00 by the Englehardt Construction co. of Bay City, this new school was designed by Paul Brysselbout. This building has two spacious classrooms, an office, a large combination corridor and assembly room, and a kitchen. The cornerstone was laid on Oct. 19, 1952 and the school opened for classes on Sept. 5, 1953.

Fr. Glenn Wm. Cronkite
Present Pastor

Another accomplishment of Father Ryan was the construction of the present Sacred Heart Church. Fire-damaged once before, on Dec. 1, 1951, the original Church was struck by lightning and burned to the ground on the night of July 7, 1953.

The debris was cleared away with the volunteer help of parishioners and others of the community and immediate plans were made to rebuild. Construction got under way in the spring of 1954 with a building committee consisting of Harold Siler, Eugene Clark, Benjamin O'Toole, Arthur Schwind and Frank Siler.

Meanwhile Sunday Masses were held in the K. of C. clubrooms and in the assembly-corridor of the new school.

This tan brick structure of conventional church architecture was dsigned by Joseph Goddeyne, Englehardt Construction co. was the contractor. Built at a cost of $150,000, including furnishings, the new Church will seat 550 comfortably.

The Ladies Altar Society donated the marble altars and communion railing and the school children gave the organ; there were also many other donors of furnishings. This new Church features a cry-room, sound-proof confessionals, spacious sacristies, a candle and a utility room.

The cornerstone was laid on June 20, 1954. First services in the new Church were held on Christmas Eve of 1954. Bishop Woznicki dedicated the Church on Oct. 4, 1955.

During Father Ryan's pastorate six assistants have served the parish: Fathers Paul J. McGraw, Joseph Roach, Joseph Branigan, Arthur Mulka, Joseph Bauer and, until the time of Father Ryan's retirement, Fr. Ramond T. Matuszewski.

Fr. Joseph O. Bauer made noteworthy contributions to the success of the present Church construction.

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High School Dropped

SACRED HEART parish is now served by only one priest, Fr. Cronkite, who came to Merrill from an eight-year pastorate at St. Agatha Church in Gagetown.

In the summer and fall of 1959 the 60 year old rectory was extensively remodeled and largely refurnished. The $12,000 project considerably extends the life expectancy of this distinguished looking old building.

On Oct. 29, 1959, Bishop Woznicki, at Confirmation ceremonies here, announced the discontinuance of Sacred Heart High school after the 1959-1960 school year. This action was anticipated for some years and came after extensive study by Diocesan school authorities.

The paramount consideration was the inadequacy of the high school academic program and the growing difficulty of scheduling teachers and subjects for so small an enrollment. The last class of Sacred Heart High school seniors was graduated on June 5, 1960.

Through 1960 and 1961 marked repairs were made and redecorating done in the other parish buildings, particularly in the convent and old school. These buildings will be replaced in the near future. The appearance of the parish grounds and the Sacred Heart Cemetery also underwent improvements.

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New School Planned

ON JAN. 22, 1962, contractors began the remodeling and redecorating of the church sanctuary, left uncompleted at the time of construction. It was plastered, the lighting improved, an oak canopy erected over the main Altar, and oak paneling installed.

Early in Lent the $14,000 project was finished with the laying of wall-to-wall carpeting and the painting of the interior trim in the body of the Church, Ventilator windows and a closed-in ambulatory were a part of this program.

The $33,000 balance of the indebtedness remaining on the new church was paid during Father Cronkite's pastorate.

At the present time funds are being raised for the construction of a new school.

The greatly increased elementary school enrollment has ruled out the double grades of previous years.

On the recommendation of diocesan school authorities plans are being made for the construction of a school building which will accommodate upwards of 300 pupils, a larger total enrollment than Sacred Heart school has ever had in its 56 year history.

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Religious Vocations

FATHER PASCAL Siler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Siler of this parish was ordained to the Capuchin priesthood on Sept. 8, 1960 and offered his First Solemn Mass here on Sunday, Sept. 11, 1960.

Frather Philip Naessens, O.F.M. Cap, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Naessens, is in third year theology at Marathon, Wis.

James Petricevic, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gaspar Petricevic, is in his sixth year of preparation for the Diocesan Priesthood at St. Joseph's Seminary, Grand Rapids.

Timothy McLaughlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward McLaughlin is in his first seminary year at St. Paul Seminary, Saginaw.

Saginaw St. Casimir

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mental wrought iron with cast iron decoration.

The pulpit is entirely new with a base of marble and the upper portion of cast bronze. The pulpit was built up so that the platform stands a full three steps off the floor.

The lower wall areas of the body of the church, entrances and sacristies were wainscoted with imported Roman Travertine marble. This is also of a light beige color. The rest of the walls were redecorated in beige. The ceiling is a sky-like blue, studed with stars. In the apex of the ceiling is a brilliantly decorated sun. The arch over the sanctuary has a flamingo red design to match the red stain in the windows.

The stations of the cross have new marble frames with the inscriptions for the stations in letters of cast bronze.

The floor area in the church was recovered with a light asbestos vinyl floor tile. The pews were cleaned and refinished.

A completely new lighting system consisting of mercury bulbs completes the work on the interior and enhances the magnificent beauty of the church.

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Golden Jubilee Year

IT WILL BE fifty years in October since the parish was established. During this span of time this parish has had only two pastors.

When the new church was opened in December, 1956, many people in this section of the city began to worship here and enrolled as members. Almost immediately we had to have four Masses every Sunday in order to accommodate all. The Franciscan Fathers came here regularly every Sunday to help us with two Masses.

Bishop Woznicki, realizing the need of a full time assistant, appointed Fr. Bruno Wilczewski as assistant in September, 1956. He worked zealously here until June, 1959, when Fr. Vernon Sierminski was appointed assistant. He remained here only until September of 1959 and Father Virgil Gradowski was sent to take his place. He labored here with success until August, 1961, when the Fr. Ramon Matuszewski was sent here.

St. George

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the low bids for the construction of the new church were approved by the bishop.

Contractors are: general construction, Gregory Construction Company of Bay City, $138,445; plumbing and heating, Bigelow Company Inc. of Saginaw, $39,720; and electrical, Smelley Electric Company of Saginaw, $10,100.

On May 5, 1963, the grounds were broken for the construction of the new St. Georges church and classroom annex.

The construction is to be completed by the end of the year.

A brick building was rected on the site of the present Capitol replacing the frame building in 1853.

We congratulate Bishop Stephen S. Woznicki, and the people of the Diocese, on 25 years of progress.

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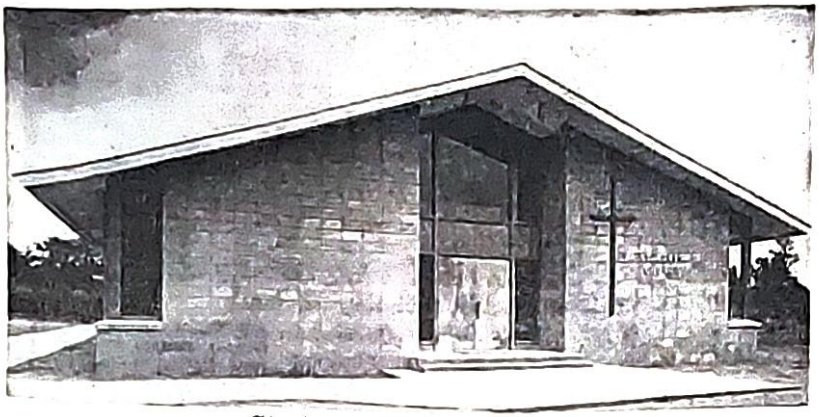


St. Agnes Church, Sanford

St. Philip Neri Church, Coleman

Volunteer Labor a Big Factor in Building Up St. Philip Neri Parish

COLEMAN—Prior to the building of the St. Philip Neri church, Mass was offered in a Coleman hotel and in the home of Peter Moan, one mile north of town.

In 1897 the church building was erected by parishioners under the direction of Fr. Thomas Whalen of Midland St. Brigid.

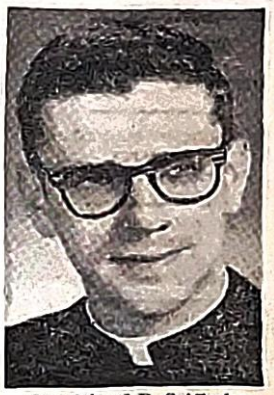
From then until 1908 Fathers Dennis Malone, O'Connor and Thomas Rafter said Mass in Coleman—all from St. Brigid.

In 1908 Father Wendell Miller was appointed pastor of Gladwin with Coleman as its Mission. Father Miller came from Gladwin once a month for Confessions and Mass. In 1912, Father Miller purchased new property in the village. The church was moved to this new site and remained there until 1954.

In 1917, Coleman became a Mission of Reed City with Father Felix Vogt its pastor. In 1921, Father Joseph Henige was appointed pastor at Reed City and continued to serve Coleman as a mission.

In 1929, St. Philip Neri became a Mission of St. Cecilia Church, Clare and came under the care of Father Stanley Morrison, its pastor. When the Saginaw Diocese was formed in 1938, Coleman became a Mission of Gladwin.

Fr. Robert W. Shine
Present Pastor



Fr. Richard R. Selfferly
Assistant Pastor

Father Edwin A. Kirchoff was the Gladwin pastor and for the first time Mass was offered every Sunday in the Coleman church. In 1940 Father Kirchoff was succeeded by Father K. E. McGinn, who remained pastor until 1949.

Father Michael Wolf served the Gladwin and Coleman area from 1949 until 1951.

With the transferral of Father Wolf in 1951, Father George Artman came to succeed him.

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New Church Built

JUNE 1951, is a happy and memorable date for the Catholic people of Coleman. It was on this date that the construction of their new church began on a new parcel of land purchased by Father Artman on the east edge of the city.

Under the zealous and capable direction of Father Artman, work progressed smoothly and by October of 1954 the main portion of the church was completed. Mass was offered in the church basement until Christmas day of 1955. At this time the interior of the upper church was completed and Mass offered there for the first time.

A most unique feature surrounding the construction of the church was that it was accomplished mainly through volunteer labor.

Father Artman, directing and working alongside the parishioners, was able to build this worthy House of Worship at a minimum cost of less than $40,000. The evaluation of the church building today is $83,000.

Such enthusiasm was generat-

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With New Church Built Sanford Looks Forward to Future Parish Status

SANFORD—St. Agnes Church—with its new structure on West River road—can look back to a humble beginning dating to June of 1889.

It was in that year the first Mass of St. Agnes was said at the Simon McMahon residence located on the Sanford Elementary school property or just a little north of it. That house is no longer standing.

Property was purchased for a church in Sanford on Feb. 27, 1895, from the Pere Marquette Railroad. This property was located on Smith road, the site of the church for more than 60 years.

The main body of the church of St. Agnes was finished in 1897, and the first Mass was celebrated in the church in October of the same year. In 1907 the steeple was added.

The church was enlarged by adding to the sanctuary and adding also a sacristy during the fall and winter of 1916. In 1917, the interior was remodeled.

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Church Re-opened

In August of 1942 Father Joseph Favara, assistant pastor of Midland St. Brigid's, celebrated the last Mass at this period in the history of the parish. Mrs. Walburga Neiner was the only parishioner in attendance. A bleak period of inactivity followed, which was to continue for almost nine years.

In October, 1951, a special meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Raymond Rogers, to discuss reactivation of the parish. It was decided at this time to reopen and repair the old church.

This was done, and Father Cornelius MacEachin, St. Brigid's assistant pastor, celebrated Mass in the renovated church on Easter Sunday of 1952. Altar boys were Donald and Dale Dean of Midland.

In addition to Father MacEachin, the parish was served by the following assistant pastors under Monsignor Illig: Fathers Isidore Mikulski, Robert Duggan, and Francis Lang.

On June 15, 1955, Father Joseph Kearns was appointed pastor of St. Philip Neri Church, Coleman, and St. Agnes was detached from St. Brigid's and affiliated with St. Philip Neri as a mission parish.

Father Kearns began saying two Masses on Sundays at St. Agnes Church two weeks after his arrival because of the crowded conditions in the old church... one Mass the first two Sundays after his appointment.

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Active Program

IN JULY, 1956 the Bernardine Sisters were obtained and summer school of religious instruction for the grade school children for three weeks began. The program has continued every summer.

Religious instruction classes for the grade school children were also held for two hours on

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New Church Dedicated On Aug. 11

EDENVILLE—Rather extraordinary is the fact that just seven short years ago St. Philip Neri, Coleman, was itself a Mission of Sacred Heart, Gladwin. Today it is the Mother Parish of two Missions; St. Agnes, Sanford and the new Mission in Edenville.

The Edenville Mission is named St. Anne. Anne, incidentally, is the baptismal name of Mrs. Walter Norton, Sr.

The development of the Church in Edenville is almost next to miraculous. The first historic event in its development occurred on July 10, 1961 when Bishop Woznicki accepted a beautiful parcel of land for the future site of the Edenville Mission.

THE PROPERTY was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Norton, sr., former residents of Detroit who came to Edenville about 21 years ago. Through their efforts and ingenuity they developed a summer resort now known as the Norton Subdivision. Mr. Norton died Sept. 27, 1962.

A description of the property donated by the Nortons' is contained in the transcription from the Coleman Tribune dated Sept. 7, 1961.

"The property comprises a tract of land totaling about 12 acres. It is located on M-30 and is adjacent to the Norton Subdivision. This beautiful parcel of land captures a scenic view of woods and water. To the east spreads the placid waters of Lake Wixson; to the west the eye catches the peaceful view of Tobacco Lake."

A Building and Planning committee was drawn up, composed of Walter Norton, jr., Stephen Petrik, sr., Joseph German, John Shaffer, sr., James Vanderbush, sr. and Dale Dean.

Plans were made ready for the construction of a contemporary building which would serve, temporarily, as the Mission church.

ON JANUARY 1, 1963, a hardy group of parishioners braved stiff winter winds to witness the ground-breaking ceremonies. On April 21, 1963 the cornerstone laying ceremonies were held.

By June 16, 1963 the church was completed sufficiently to allow the celebration of Mass for the first time.

The completed structure will be an L-shaped building. Only one wing is now completed, which has a seating capacity of 420.

The exterior is of Waylite block and stone. The interior will be constructed of cement block

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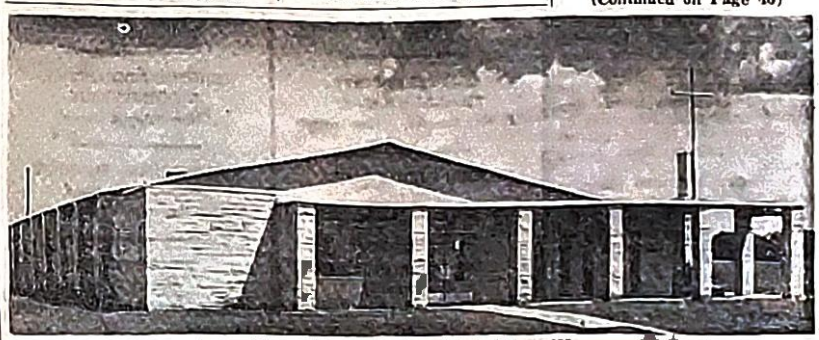
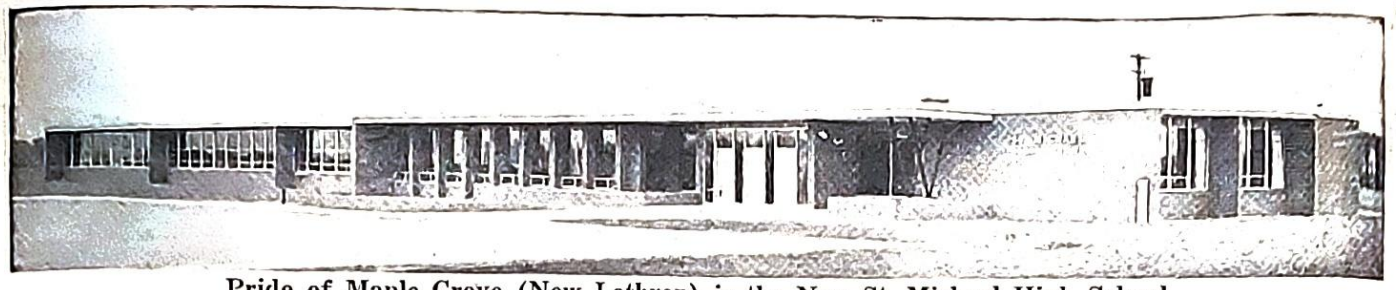


St. Anne Church, Edenville



Pride of Maple Grove (New Lothrop) is the New St. Michael High School

Modern St. Michael High School Opened for Classes Jan. 4, 1959

NEW LOTHROP—In 1965, St. Michael Parish marks the centennial of the first mass offered in Maple Grove.

On Easter Monday in 1865, Fr. Louis VanDenDriessche celebrated Mass in one of the homes for a half dozen families.

By 1867, Catholics of the area had built their first church, a neat frame structure 32x26 feet.

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School in 1867

AS EARLY AS 1867 a parochial school was established with classes conducted in the church building. It was under the direction of lay teachers for the first 25 years.

Fr. Nickolas Irmen became the first resident pastor of St. Michael's on Nov. 23, 1883. Building of a larger church for St. Michael's began on a ten acre gift of property from Marcus Sutter in the early 1880s. It was completed in 1889, under Fr. Gustave Graf.

In September, 1902, the Dominican Sisters of Grand Rapids came to staff St. Michael school and the rectory was remodeled for a convent. An unknown benefactor provided a new rectory for Fr. Weissteiner. The school was enlarged in 1912 and the basement provided under it for a social hall.

Fr. Frederick H. Ruessmann became pastor of St. Michael's in May, 1916.

In 1919, work on a large, permanent church was begun. It was completed in 1921 at a cost of $70,000. Of rare beauty today are its 12 rich stained glass windows, now appraised at a value of $35,000.

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Enrollment Mounts

FR. ANTHONY O. Bosler became pastor of St. Michael's on Dec. 6, 1927. Construction of a new school began in 1929 and was completed in 1930. By 1937, with 230 pupils in 12 grades, St. Michael's claimed one of the finest rural parochial schools in the land.

In the 14 years from 1937 to 1950, St. Michael's school enrollment more than doubled from 230 to 480 students.

In 1949, the parish added a wing of 4 classrooms, two offices and two washrooms. A new modern convent was built at the same time.

Fr. Bosler, following a heart attack, died in St. Mary's Hospital, Saginaw, on Dec. 4, 1952, and was buried in the parish cemetery. Anticipating the need for a new rectory, Fr. Bosler before his death had set aside approximately $30,000 for this purpose and engaged Frederick Wigen Architects, to draw plans.

His pet priestly worry was obviously the school. As the country's economic status improved, secularistic influences increased demands for the removal of Sister-teachers from public schools.

Fr. Bosler instituted plans to revert the elementary grades of the parochial status. The public school board would provide their own kindergarten through high school.

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Present Pastor

BISHOP Woznicki appointed Fr. Michael H. Wolf as pastor.

Fr. Michael H. Wolf
Present Pastor

He was installed by Msgr. Felix Vogt, dean, on Jan. 14, 1953.

The Michigan State Department of Public Instruction in April conducted in Maple Grove an investigation of school board members, teachers, Sisters and children without benefit of legal counsel.

As was pre-determined, Maple Grove Public School was declared "sectarian" because of "living statues" teaching therein. The Department's original encouragement for the establishment of a public school was changed to an unexplained refusal.

The Department's action proved a blessing. With traditional faith and generosity the people set to the task of financing a complete 12 grade school program, free and God-centered.

Bulging class rooms forced the first grade into the public school a few years later. This became the signal for additional building.

The Church Committee and a newly formed Building Commission considered an addition to the present building only briefly. They appreciated their new freedom. They decided to chance the debt involved in a new high school. The playground was needed as a site for the new high school

Three parishioners donated about five acres of farm land to replace the playground — land which was not available for a price.

With Morris & Wesolek as architects and Englehardt Construction of Bay City as general contractors, construction was begun April, 1958.

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New School Completed

BY THE END of the year a fine modern high school was ready for occupation.

St. Michael students returning from the Christmas vacation on Jan. 4, 1959 found four home rooms for the four grades, an outstanding library and science laboratory, well equipped, commercial room, domestic science room, spacious foyer and corridors, offices and service quarters.

All these rooms are faced with pleasing multi-colored combinations of glazed tile, brick and cement block. The brick exterior matches the other parish buildings.

Construction and furnishings cost $250,000.

The 185 students today are enrolled in the high school which can possibly accommodate 250.

Even in the face of the severe school problems of 1953 the people of St. Michael's proceeded without the slightest hesitation on a $27,000 task of repairing and decorating the Church, exterior and interior.

They were delighted that their House of God would receive its share of attention to commemorate the Marian Year which began Dec. 8, 1953. Steeple, roof, exterior walls were repaired in the summer months.

Fall and winter saw the attractive interior decoration and lighting system installed by Eugene Potente co. of Kenosha, Wis. In the summer of 1960 a new Wicks pipe organ was installed.

"Construction on the new rectory began in the summer of 1954 and was completed in the following year. It provides two offices with adjacent supply closets and record room, complete quarters for assistant and housekeeper, guest room, two meeting rooms in the basement, pastor's bedroom and bath, living room, dining room, kitchen, and service rooms.

Periodically a priest has assisted in parish work during the past ten years.

Fr. Carlos Sodi spent the winter of 1954 and 1955 at St. Michael's between summer duties with the Mexican Apostolate. He was succeeded by Fr. Aristodemo Rodriguez for eight months. Fr. Lawrence Greiner served for two years from May, 1959, to May, 1960. Fr. R. Emmett Fitzpatrick from Sept., 1960, to Nov., 1961.

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Many Religious Vocations

ST. MICHAEL'S has been a fertile field of vocations to the religious life.

Its priest-sons are Fr. John Baptist Abele and Fr. Alphonse Studer, both deceased; Msgr. Joseph Henige retired pastor of St. Joseph Church, Pewamo, Mich. Fr. Clement Sigmund, pastor of St. Francis Xavier, Conklin, Mich.; Fr. Julius Amman, pastor of St. Patrick's, Portland, Mich.; Fr. Emeran Quarderer, pastor of St. Mary's, Big Rapids; Fr. Bernard Wrocklage, S.V.D., professor of philosophy, St. Mary's Mission House, Techny, Ill.; and Fr. Henry Eickholt, pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Chesaning.

Four men have become religious Brothers: Brother Wendell Sherer, O.F.M.Cap. (deceased), Brother Armand Amman, C.S.C., Brother Charles Krupp, C.S.C., and Brother William Deanhofer, S.M., all three working in education.

Eight young men of the parish are at present preparing for the priesthood: Robert Knieper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Knieper, is a third theology student at St. John's Seminary, Plymouth; Gerald Willing, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Willing, first theology at St. John's seminary, James Andres, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alois Andres, first philosophy at St. Paul, Minn. and Robert Bryne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bryne, third High, at St. Paul Seminary, Saginaw.

Ronald Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Harris; Dale Keeler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Keeler; James Reinhart, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wm. Reinhart; and Anthony Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robin Wilson have enrolled for their first year in Saginaw St. Paul seminary.

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46 Nuns

FORTY-SIX daughters of St. Michael's have joined various Religious Orders, 14 having entered during the past 10 years into the Dominican Order.

These latter are: Sr. Robert Ann Erno, Sr. Alphonsine Bishop, Sr. Kenneth Marie Wenzlick, Sr. Helen Mary Birchmeier, Sr. Innocence Andres, Sr. Marie Arnold Yaklin, Sr. Margaret Mary Birchmeier, Sr. Mary Mathew Roach, Sr. Albert Louise Henige, Sr. Margaret Marie Knieper, Sr. Marie Yvonne Boudreau, Sr. Marie David Yaklin, Sr. Edith Marie Schnell, and Sr. Mary Augustine Andres.

Miss Eleanor Birkmeier is preparing for the Novitiate of the Poor Sisters of St. Francis; Miss Susan Amman, for the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Spirit.

The following preceded these: Sr. Margaret Ann Bishop, C.S.J. (deceased), Sr. Theresa Margaret Turnwald, O. Carm., Sr. Marcella Willing and Sr. Corrine Ruhl,

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25th Anniversary

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Three New Altars Built for St. Patrick's in 1960

RYAN—Catholics in the Mt. Haley area got their present site Aug. 23, 1875 with a deed from Thomas and Sara Ryan.

First under St. Andrew's, Saginaw, they were successively a mission of Hemlock and Merrill.

A rough chapel built in 1876 was replaced by a church in 1889, dedicated under the name of St. Patrick, by Bishop Richter of Grand Rapids. About 135 families were in the parish, some French but mostly Irish, and one German family.

Fr. Kryan E. McGinn
Present Pastor

With the waning of the lumber era some families moved out and the area turned to agriculture for its living.

The establishment of the Ryan Post Office at Mike Moore's store across from the church in December, 1898 until September, 1903 accounts for the change in name to St. Patrick's, Ryan.

The first rectory built by Father Brogger was occupied by the first pastor, Father John B. Surprenant, in 1901. The following pastors came in succession: Father Crumley, Father Nimrichter, Father Jewell, Father McCarthy, Father Schumacher, Father Flanagan, Father McLaughlin, and the present pastor Father Kyran E. McGinn.

The rectory burned in 1919 destroying records of years approximately 1914-19. The newly decorated church, which was to have been the scene of a First Mass shortly, burned in 1935.

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Shrine Built by CYO

FATHER MCGINN came in 1951. Needed repairs were made in the rectory. A cement sidewalk was laid across the front of the property, and a fuel oil furnace installed in the church.

A hall built by the parish men in 1933 at a cost of about $700 had a new wood floor laid over the old.

A shrine in honor of the new St. Maria Goretti was built in 1956 by the C. Y. O. in the courtyard between the church and the rectory. It was dedicated in memory of Mrs. Rosemary Oliver, organist, and associate of the C. Y. O. In the center of the Shrine stands the white statue on a brick platform with stone planter boxes on either side. Shrubs and flowers are planted in front.

It stands as a beautiful tribute and inspiration to the youth of the parish.

New lighting was installed in the church, attached along the wooden beams, in 1958.

Father Guido Gori substituted for Father McGinn, who was ill, from Feb. 4, until July 26, 1959. During that summer a Mexican priest and a seminarian from the diocese cared for the spiritual needs of the migrant workers in the area, residing at St. Patrick's.

An enclosed lighted church sign of brick construction following the contour of the church was erected in 1959 on the northeast corner of the church lawn, with a small statue of St. Patrick recessed under the miniature roof.

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Church Redecorated

THE CHURCH interior was redecorated in 1960 and three new altars and two statue pedestals built through the winter, finished with wheat oak plywood formica, complete with brass emblems on the altar fronts.

A parking lot was graveled back of the church the following year. Light colored floor tile has been laid in the nave of the church, and the sanctuary and choir carpeted in the past year.

Recently added to the sanctuary is a Papal Flag and a United States Flag.

At present there are five lay catechists teaching Saturday morning and Monday evening religion classes.

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Religious Vocations

The Priesthood: Fr. Martin I. Kalahar, Fr. Leo H. Fleming, Fr. Thomas W. Ryan, and Fr. Francis J. Ryan, C.Ss.R.

The Sisterhood: Sister Mary Stephen Wall (deceased), Sister Mary Raymond O'Leary, R.S.M.; Sister Catherine Kalahar, Daughter of Charity; Sister Ann Lucille McGowan, O.P., and Sister Marie Michael Jacobs, O.P.

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Cemetery Progress

A CEMETERY Committee has

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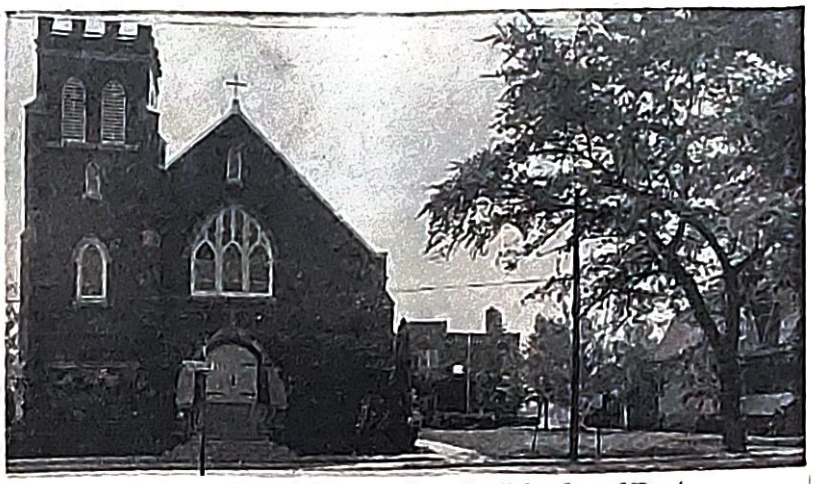

Birch Run Sacred Heart Church, School and Rectory

School Addition Goal of Sacred Heart Parishioners

BIRCH RUN—The first Sacred Heart Church here was erected in 1869 on the southwest corner of County Line and Linden Roads. The county line divides Genesee and Saginaw counties. It was popularly called The County Line Church.

In 1871 a parish was erected at Mt. Morris and Sacred Heart Church was attached to it as a mission.

In 1915 Sacred Heart Church was erected in the village of Birch Run under the supervision of Fr. Thomas Luby of Mt. Morris. The house immediately south of the church was purchased for a rectory. In 1924 the first resident pastor was appointed, Fr. Alphonse J. Olk.

Under Fr. Olk Sacred Heart built a school which was opened in 1925. At the same time a rectory was built just north of the school, the original rectory being turned over to the Sisters of St. Joseph of Nazareth for a convent.

In 1932, during the depression, Fr. Gerald Brinton was given permission to close the school. Fr. Brinton then moved back to the original rectory and rented the house next to the school.

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School Reopens

THE FIRST two pastors of Sacred Heart had been appointed by the bishop of Lansing to which diocese Sacred Heart parish belonged until 1938. But in 1939, Rev. Cornelius Bates was made pastor. He was appointed by the bishop of Saginaw diocese. Fr. Bates was responsible for the landscaping of the grounds, setting out the birch trees and hedges in front of the school—the only two birch trees in Birch Run.

Fr. Harold Bolton succeeded Fr. Bates as pastor in 1942. Fr. Eugene McCarthy succeeded him in 1944.

In September, 1947, the Sisters of St. Joseph returned to Birch Run. The school was reopened after a fifteen year lapse.

Fr. McCarthy purchased a school bus—the first one seen in Birch Run since the public schools did not inaugurate bus service until the following year.

Due to the resignation of Fr. McCarthy, Fr. Francis J. Murray was transferred from St. Elizabeth Church, Marlette, to become pastor of Sacred Heart Church. He was installed on April 15, 1959, by Msgr. Harold J. Bolton then Dean of the Saginaw Deanery.

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Church Redecorated

REPAIRS WERE made in the school during the summer and autumn of 1959, mostly in the interests of safety and fire protection.

During the summer of 1960, the school furnace was refurbished to burn natural gas, instead of oil. In the fall of 1960, the Confraternity of Christian Mothers was chartered (70 Charter Members), and Legion of Mary was introduced.

During the spring of 1961 the interior of the church was redecorated in various shades of blue, and two side altars were replaced in the Church, to match the newly refinished High Altar, panelled in oak veneer. Plans were made to rebuild and broaden the steps at the main entrance.

Father Murray gave the rectory a good renovating in the fore part of 1961. He installed wall to wall carpeting in the living room and dining room and put in new ceilings in both rooms.

On Aug. 16, 1961, he was transferred to St. Mary Parish, Hemlock and Fr. Martin I. Kalahar was transferred from St. Bernard Parish, Alpena, to take his place. He was installed by Msgr. Bolton on Aug. 17, 1961. One of the first projects undertaken by Father Kalahar was the inauguration of a school lunch program.

The school had to be altered to meet requirements and consequently the program did not actually get underway until 1962.

THE CHURCH is beginning to show signs of being over-crowded, so when the Wolohan Family, at the instigation of Alice Wolohan, offered a new Baldwin Electric Organ, Model 5A, to the parish, it was decided not to put it into the choir loft but to put it into the boy's sacristy and turn the choir loft into extra seating capacity for the people.

This required many changes in the boys sacristy with the construction of new storage cabinets, so this organ was not delivered until January of 1962. The organ was purchased from the W. J. Davis Music House, Saginaw.

Fr. Martin I. Kalahar
Present Pastor

At the end of 1961, there were 205 weekly envelopes in use. There were about 180 pupils in Sacred Heart School, three teaching Sisters of St. Joseph and one lay teacher.

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Recent Improvements

THE FIRST order of business for 1962 was the remodeling of the sacristies of the church. Extensive new cabinets were built for the altar boys cassocks, the priest's vestments and the storage of church utensils. Later the floors were tiled with vinyl tile.

A new tabernacle for the main altar was purchased for something over $1,000 but it was paid for mostly by free donations, Alice Wolohan making the largest contribution.

Two safes were purchased, one for the rectory and the other for the church. The one for the rectory was paid for by the pastor. The church furnace was converted to a gas burning unit and hot air ducts were extended to all parts of the church. The oil furnace had only one register and left the sacristies, the confessional and the vestibule always cold.

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School Adition Sought

A SIMILAR condition prevailed in the school. The auditorium and one class room were heated improperly, or not at all. This condition was corrected at a cost of $1,500.

A complete census of the parish was taken up, mostly by members of the Legion of Mary. Our school is filled to capacity.

Arrangements have been made to start a building fund for an addition to the school and for new desks.

The village has just completed a water tower and good water is now available in place of the salty water which we have been using. Arrangements have been made to provide all four of our buildings with the new water.

St. Patrick Church in Ryan

Bridgeport St. Christopher

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the original church property have been retained; the house now serves as a sexton's home, a new church has been built on this piece, and the parish now has ample space for all buildings which may possibly be erected in the future, with provision for playground space in conjunction with a school.

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Church Drive Launched

FOR SOME years previous to 1960 it had been foreseen that St. Christopher parish would soon need a new church. Originally, in the Town Hall, one Mass had sufficed on Sunday. Later, in the converted Blue Moon Dance Hall, two Masses were required, then three Masses.

When, along about 1958, the church was overcrowded even with three Masses, a section of wall was removed and long folding partitions installed so that the Parish Hall (under the same roof) could accomodate the overflow from the church.

In this way approximately 100 more parishioners could attend each of the Sunday Masses. But these were only stop-gap measures offering temporary solutions at best.

In May of 1960 a campaign was started for the building of a new church.

Frederick E. Wigen and Associates of Saginaw had been chosen as architects, a general plan for the location of all future buildings had been drawn, and permission had been secured from Bishop Woznicki for the erection of a new church.

While the financial drive moved forward with encouraging results, the design of the new church was completed and approved, blueprints and specifications were drawn up, and the new building, with all its fine features, was complete on paper.

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Contracts Awarded

ON THE BASIS of lowest bids contracts for construction of the new church were awarded on Aug. 15, 1960, to: R.C. Hendrick and Son, general contractors; L M. Vernon Plumbing Co., plumbing and heating; F. Schmerheim and Son, electrical.

Bids totaled $173,452. Final cost of the new church, including such larger items as pews, tabernacle, altar cross, statues, vestments, landscaping and parking lot, amounted to $195,000.

Ground-breaking was Aug. 16, 1960; the ceremony for the laying of the cornerstone, with Monsignor John J. Sonefeld, Vicar General, as celebrant, took place on June 4, 1961; and the Solemn Dedication, with Bishop Woznicki as celebrant of the Dedication ceremony, and Father Maynard celebrant of the Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving came on Sept. 24, 1961.

The new church, built against a background of beautiful trees, which tower above and to the sides of it, is a gem of architecture nestled in the woods. It is built of antique brick, with large areas of glass allowing the natural beauty of the surroundings to be seen from within the building.

Interior furnishings are of white oak, including the pews, altar and altar cross, Communion rail, Baptismal font, confessionals, sanctuary furniture, sanctuary lamp and candlesticks. The church seats 502 people.

In addition to the church proper, there are two standard classrooms, as part of the building, to establish the beginnings of a parochial school.

At present these classrooms, opening into the main body of the church by means of folding partitions, serve as overflow space for special occasions; from them approximately 100 people are within view of the altar. The classrooms are also used for religious instruction.

In the long-range plans of the parish, when a parochial school is established, there will be a total of eight classrooms attached to the church, four on each side of the church proper.

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Active parish organizations at present are the Holy Name society, Altar society, Men's club, the Ushers' club, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Christian Mothers, and the Legion of Mary.

Fr. Maynard is spiritual director not only for the Legion of Mary's local Praesidium but also for their entire Saginaw area Comitium.

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Religious Instruction Problem

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S great problem is not financial; even with a new church built so recently, the parish has no debt. The great problem here is the religious instruction of Catholic youth.

At present, with no parochial grade school because of the impossibility of getting Sisters, the parish has 400 grade school children for Catechism instruction every Saturday morning.

To cope with this problem, the parish has a separate class, of one or more sections, for each grade in public school and makes use of 12 improvised classrooms, most of them in the parish hall, in the old church, and in a frame house on the parish grounds.

The staff for this "Catechetical School" consists of two Dominican Sisters from Sacred Heart School, Saginaw, ten lay teachers, six assistant lay teachers, two secretaries, and the pastor.

The High School Religion class, with an average attendance of 60, is taught by the pastor on Monday afternoons. The lack of Sisters and the lack of a full-time parochial school program are matters of great concern here; without question, a school is the greatest need at St. Christopher's in Bridgeport.

Midland

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Mass of Fr. Albert Podvin.

The following day, May 21, 1962, Fr. Klos in the presence of the Bishop and with over 100 clergy present, amidst his family and friends, observed the Silver Jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood.

The following Sunday the entire parish joined in this celebration.

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Parish Grows

THE GROWTH of this parish, although fast at times, has been slow but deliberate. It began with 250 families and today it numbers over 900 families. It has 418 children in its school and over 1000 under instruction by Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

It plans to expand its present facilities by addition of another wing to the school so the capacity is doubled and space provided for instruction of those in the public school system.

By 1968 it is hoped that a church edifice can be constructed.

At the present time it is blessed with vocations. It has 12 seminarians studying for diocesan priesthood. It has 5 boys in religious orders studying for the priesthood, and 2 preparing themselves to become brothers.

It has five girls in the Convent and it is the aim and the ambition to see more girls going into religious life.

Up to date, since Nov. 18, 1951, there have been 1789 baptisms, 103 deaths, 778 confirmations, 974 first communions, 147 marriages.

MICHIGAN PIONEER — The Most Rev. Edward D. Kelly was ordained June 16, 1886, and consecrated Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit on Jan. 26, 1911. He was transferred to the See of Grand Rapids on Jan. 16, 1919 and died March 26, 1926.

Zilwaukee

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about the resurgence of the parish spirit was a fire on the night of Dec. 3, 1944, which leveled the original Mission church. This event, at the time considered a disaster, occurred only four months after the appointment of Father Robert E. Fitzpatrick as pastor.

It was Father Fitzpatrick's leadership and the cooperation of his people that led to the building of the present church on a new site at the head of Cornell Street.

Ground for the new church was broken June 27, 1945. Bishop William F. Murphy placed the cornerstone Nov. 18, 1945, and blessed the new church on June 16, 1946.

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Given Parish Status

IT SHOULD BE mentioned again that St. Matthew Mission was separated from the Carrollton parish and made a territorial parish in its own right by Bishop Murphy on March 29, 1949. Open house for the present rectory was held Aug. 21, 1949.

An electronic bell system for the church was installed in October, 1951, and a pipe organ was provided for the church gallery in 1952.

In 1953 the present parish site, which originally comprised two acres when it was purchased Jan. 20, 1945, was enlarged to its present 6½ acre size with the acquiring of abutting property in the Elizabeth Lewless Subdivision.

On June 15, 1958, open house was held for the new parish hall which was built at the cost of $100,000 and is so designed that, with the addition of interior walls, and the acquisition of teaching sisters, it can be converted into a four-classroom school.

A parish unit of the Girl Scouts of America was formed on May 8, 1960, to join the Cub and Boy Scouts previously established.

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Religious Vocations

A SUBSTANTIAL part of St. Matthew's parish is Kochville Township lying to the West of the Church location.

Founded Oct. 12, 1855, it is named after one of its early pioneers, Frederic Charles Louis Koch.

Up to the territorial establishment of St. Matthew's, its Catholic residents attended neighboring Churches: those of the Eastern end to Carrollton St. John's, and those of the Western to Saginaw St. Andrew's and SS. Peter and Paul.

An estimated 50 of the 400 Catholic families of the parish reside in this small, fertile township.

Mention should be made of the fact that several vocations from the parish have been provided to the priesthood and religious life.

Father Anthony C. Bourdow, pastor of St. Mary's Church, Manistee, Mich., was born and raised in the Kochville district of the parish.

Three girls from the parish, Hazel Davis, from Kochville, and Janet Dorey and Jacqueline Hagerty, of Zilwaukee, are professed nuns with the Grand Rapids Dominicans.

Gerald Burke, a Zilwaukee parishioner, is now a professed member of the Holy Ghost Brothers at Ridgefield, Connecticut.

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Present Pastor

THE PRESENT pastor, Father James F. Gavit, was installed in the parish on Sept. 4, 1962, succeeding Monsignor Eugene A. Forbes who held the pastorate for the 13½ years since its elevation to territorial status.

In October, 1962, a highly successful "Sacrificial Offering Campaign" was conducted in the parish. This has made it possible to start saving toward the larger church which is desperately needed. This project is expected to get under way in the spring of 1965.

During the year about 150,000 Holy Communions are distributed. The present income of the parish comes to about $150,000 a year.

Since five Masses are a must at Blessed Sacrament and one at the Mission, the professors from St. Paul Minor seminary have been helping out in rendering service to the people each weekend except for the summer months.

The Parish has been most fortunate in having the help of the Dominican Fathers while they are here conducting the summer school for the nuns at the seminary.

Shields Holy Spirit

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Diocesan Director, Father Kenneth Povish.

First officers of the newly established Confraternity were President Melvin Brin, Vice-President Dr. Philip Bruce, and Secretary-Treasurer Mrs. Richard Hunter.

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Credit Union Formed

A MAJOR accomplishment of the new parish has been the formation of a parish Credit Union. In December of 1961 it was the Men's Club which provided the initiative and the leadership for this all important group.

James Dooley assumed the responsibility of president, Stephen Windy was chosen vice president, Thomas Pilon treasurer and Victor Michutka secretary.

The officers were able to report at the first general meeting loans made to members totaling $21,393.23, which represents but one facet of the many services it has rendered in the parish.

In the summer of 1962 it was decided jointly by the pastor and the Church Committee to invite Mr. G. L. Lenzi, of Washington, Michigan to conduct a sacrificial offertory campaign, which would introduce tithing as the basic means of parish support.

Oct. 14 was designated as T-Day, the day on which the whole parish would be canvassed and the offertory campaign would be launched. The response of the parishioners was edifying. The results were immediately evident in increased Sunday offerings.

On a sound basis financially, the parish is now able to begin its first construction. Architects Morris and Wesolek were engaged to prepare a master plan for the parish buildings and preliminary plans for a parish hall which would be temporarily used as a church and would also provide room for meetings and catechism classes.

Ground was broken on July 14, 1963 for a new $199,293 church and school. It is expected to take 180 days to complete the project.

Contractors are Gregory Construction of Bay City, Kuczwara and Reichter of Saginaw and Sink Electric, also of Saginaw.

In March, 1963 it was announced that Father Sikorski was being assigned as assistant spiritual director of the American College at Louvain, Belgium.

Father Noel T. Rudy was installed as second pastor of Holy Spirit parish on March 5, 1963.

St. Mary

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was broken and construction begun in the spring of 1961.

Franz and Spence of Saginaw again supplied the plans, with Leonard Kreager of Hemlock as contractor.

The rectory was so constructed as to harmonize perfectly with the external appearance of the Church. Roughly 84x38 feet in dimensions, the ranch-style rectory (15 rooms) was completed in January of 1962.

In the meantime, Fr. O'Brien was transferred (August, 1962) to St. Bernard's Church of Alpena. Fr. Francis J. Murray succeeded him at St. Mary's.

As of the present, future parish planning calls for construction of a new St. Mary's school and convent on the 10-acre parish site west of Hemlock. With the help of God, replacement of the original school will be an accomplished fact within the foreseeable future. Some 160 children in eight grades now tax the capacity of the old St. Mary's school to the utmost.

The Home and School Council was organized in the parish during 1962 and will be of great assistance in future school planning.

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Religious Vocations

AN HISTORICAL resume of St. Mary's would not be complete without reference to the religious and priestly vocations stemming from the parish.

These include three priests and eight Religious Sisters, six of these being Sisters of Mercy as evidence of the regard in which this faithful order of Sisters is held by the parishioners.

In addition, two boys of the parish are now engaged upon their seminary course for the Diocese of Saginaw.

Edenville

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and brick, with a special effect where the sanctuary is located. The cedar roof is mounted on wooden laminated arches.

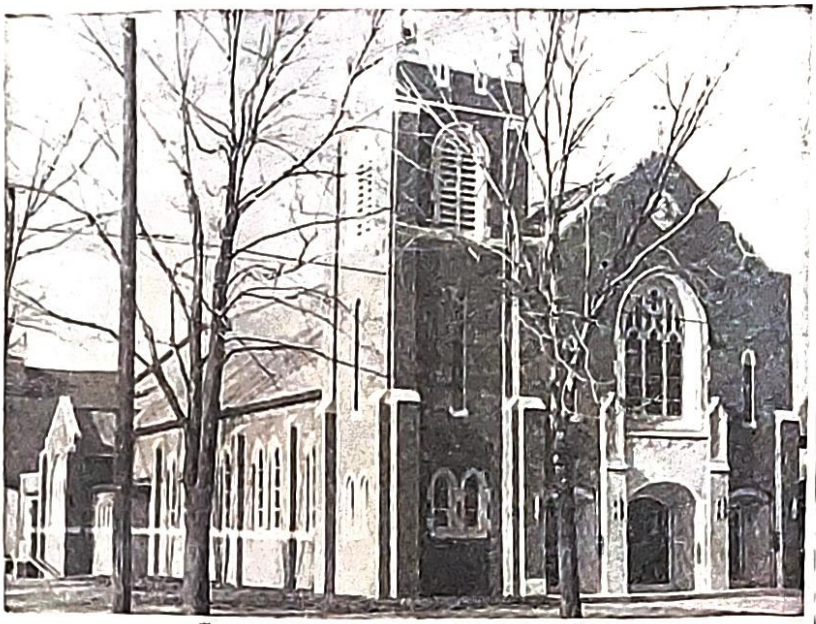
The other wing will be added at a later date when demands warrant it. This wing will serve the overflow crowd on Sundays and will serve as the parochial hall.

CONSTRUCTION of the building was done by Clyde Henry Construction Company, Hope, Mich.

The 4-D Builders and Supply Co. of Midland, of which parishioner Dale Dean is president, has given inestimable assistance. The company's building engineer, Robert Crower of Midland, is chief designer of the building.

On Aug. 11, 1963, Monsignor John J. Sonefeld, Vicar General, Blessed and dedicated the St. Anne's Church.

Act of the Legislature authorizing the building of a bridge between the Upper and Lower Peninsulas in 1952.



Sacred Heart Church in Bad Axe

Sacred Heart Parish Builds, Buys, Revamps to Meet Challenge of Era

BAD AXE—Like the beginning of many other parishes in the New World, Sacred Heart Parish owes its origin to the faith and zeal of a few Irish families scattered throughout this part of Huron County.

About 1865 we read that a Father Roche residing in Port Austin took upon himself the task of tending the little flock here. He carried on the work of a Father Kluck who resided in Sherman Township and took care of the Germans and Poles in that vicinity.

The opening and extension of the railroad was a contributing factor to the growth of this county. Father Laugel stationed at Port Austin cared for the parish for about six years. In 1888 a church was built.

Father A. P. Ternes, pastor of Port Austin administered to the wants of some 36 families which comprised the parish. The pastors of Port Austin served till 1891 when the pastor of Palms, Father Burke took charge.

This lasted till 1897 when Father James Stapelton was named pastor. He accordingly built the present rectory, enlarged the church, and purchased land for what is now the present cemetery.

He was followed by Father Van Dyke, Father Courtney, Father Hermes, Father Dorsey, and the present pastor Msgr. Charles A. Roark.

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Many Changes

DURING THE present pastorate which at the present time has covered 22 years, many changes have taken place.

In 1950 Msgr. Roark was made Dean of the three counties: Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac which became an honor not only personal but likewise to the parish. The same was true when he was made a Domestic Prelate in 1952. He received these honors from Bishop Woznicki.

The Thumb Deanery presently comprises 29 parishes with resident pastors, and 7 missions. Only two parishes have assistants.

Changes took place in the parish, for after the second world war the parish began to expand to such a degree that a larger church became desperately needed.

For about three years, the pastor said three masses to accommodate the parishioners. Finally in 1917 church plans were made, approved, and contract let. The parish worked zealously to finance this project which came to some $200,000. It was paid for in seven years without outside activities.

Property was likewise acquired. The Kelly property was bought where the old church now is. It is used as a hall. The McCallum property was bought in 1958, and the house remodeled as a cafeteria. Daily during these years we have averaged 140 meals each day of school.

We likewise bought the McGeachy property for future expansion, and also an exit from our property to Scott st. Only five parcels of property remain in the block.

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Revamping Goes on

THE BUILDINGS were revamped. New heatings units were placed in the school, rectory, and convent. Since new boilers were installed, new fuel, oil, is being used in all buildings.

This year, 1962, the playground and exists were blacktopped thus enabling the people a dry and ample parking place—some 20,000 square feet. In 1962, also, the convent was renovated. The kitchen, dining room, and chapel were decorated, and new furnishings provided.

During the years it has been a continual fight to keep up all buildings, for there are seven, in a condition worthy of occupancy and usefulness.

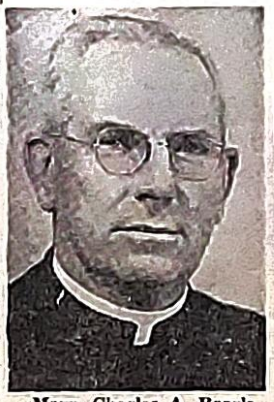
Looking ahead there is much to be desired. The parish has grown from about 90 families in 1940 to about 350 in 1962.

With the new trends in education, socialization, and the modern concepts of religion, we of an earlier vintage become lost in the new haze of modern life.

Thus it is with the parish . . . new buildings, new facilities, new faces to deal with the new look of the 20th Century.

Who can forsee the tremendous changes which of necessity will evolve? Take for example the present Vatican Council: the space accomplishments, the trends in government . . Certainly all these will made a definite mark on mankind, for better or worse remains for those who follow.

May their path be glorious for the cause of God and fellow man.



Msgr. Charles A. Roark
(Sacred Heart pastor and Dean of the Thumb Deanery)

Sanford St. Agnes

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Saturday afternoons throughout six months of the year, a Fall session of three months and a Spring session of three months.

The high school young people participated in Coleman's instructions for high schoolers which were held one evening a week for six months of the year . . .three months in Fall Session and three in Spring Session.

Evening Mass and Way of the Cross were part of the Lenten program with Mass on Sundays and Holy days of Obligation. The May Crowning began and became a custom every year.

The cemetery committee, Henry Neiner, Paul Boxey and William Johndro directed the general clean-up and renovation of St. Agnes Cemetery.

The Altar Boys for St. Agnes were organized under the direction of Henry Neiner, Mrs. Frank L. Williams and Mrs. Gerald Weiler.

The St. Agnes Altar Society was formed for the women of the church, and the Holy Name Society for the men. The teenagers participated in a Youth Club with the young people of St. Philip Neri parish, under the guidance of Albert Heffron.

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New Church Built

ANOTHER milestone in St. Agnes' history was the purchase of eight acres of land for a new church building. It was purchased from the Lackie family at a cost of $6,400. The property is located on West River road, south of the Sanford Elementary school building.

Groundbreaking for the new church building took place on Sunday, Aug. 23, 1959. Father Isidore Mikulski was the speaker for the occasion. Work began the following morning.

William Spears of Spears and Prine, Saginaw, was the architect. The parish did its own contracting, and buying of materials and certain areas of the labor. The building committee assisting the pastor was composed of Karl Robertson, as chairman and general superintendent, Paul Boxey, Henry Neiner, Raymond Rogers and Roy Bailey. Boxey was in charge of landscaping, William Johndro in charge of painting, and Duane Bloomfield supervising the tile work. Inspector was Joseph Crower.

The building, completely furnished cost $50,000.

The building will be used as a church, but in the long range plans of the parish, will eventually, became a parish hall.

Father Kearns offered the first Mass on Easter Sunday, April 17, 1960 in the new church. The seating capacity of the church is 360, but with the use of chairs, it will seat 400 persons.

The St. Agnes Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Sadie H. Lane, sang at the first service. Mass servers were Edward Such, Eric Williams, Marc Neiner and Henry Neiner.

The dedication service was held July 10, 1960 at noon, with the Most Reverend Bishop Stephen S. Woznicki, officiating. Father Cornelius MacEachin was to deliver the sermon for the occasion.

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Goal: Parish Status

ON JUNE 15, 1960, Father Joseph Kearns was appointed pastor of the newly established parish of St. Mary Goretti at Kawkawlin, and Father Robert W.

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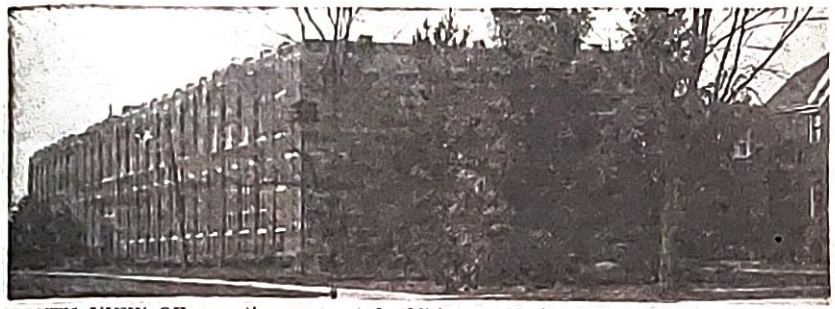

SOUTH VIEW OF recently constructed addition to Harbor Beach Our Lady of Lake Huron school, now housing high and grade school students.

12-Grade School is Pride of Our Lady of Lake Huron Parish

HARBOR BEACH—From Port Austin, Father C. J. Roche attended about 20 Stations and Missions throughout the Thumb region. Amongst them were Port Hope and Sand Beach (Now Harbor Beach). Father Roche was at Port Austin 1871-1875.

Other pastors of Port Austin who served this territory until it was made a Mission of Sts. Peter and Paul at Ruth were: Rev. Joseph Meder, 1875-1881; Rev. George Laugel, 1881-1883; Rev. L. N. Machino, 1883-1886.

Father Meder began to collect funds for a new church in Sand Beach in 1881, but the work was taken up and carried through by his successor, Father Laugel.

In 1882 the construction of the church was begun and before the end of the year Mass was said in it.

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Name Changed

IT WAS FIRST named St. Vincent de Paul Church. The interior of the church was completed and a vestry added only by the time of its dedication by Bishop Borgess in 1885. At that time the name of the Church was changed and placed under the patronage of Our Lady of Lake Huron.

In 1886, the Mission of Our Lady of Lake Huron was attached to Ruth. Rev. Rudolph Marker was pastor there and served this place until 1890. Father Laugel was at that time appointed pastor at Ruth and from there served the Mission at Sand Beach a second time.

In 1897 Fr. James Stapleton was sent into this territory with permission to make his residence either at Sand Beach or Bad Axe. He chose Bad Axe.

In 1899, Bishop Foley sent Fr. Charles Henigan to be the first resident pastor of Our Lady of Lake Huron, Sand Beach. He also had as missions, St. John Ubly, and Holy Trinity, Smith's Corners.

Ubly was a mission until 1913, and Smith's Corners until 1921.

A home for the new pastor was completed in 1900, and is still used as the rectory of the parish.

Fr. Raymond Fleming succeeded Father Henigan as pastor in 1913 and remained until 1925.

Fr. Cornelius N. McEachin
Present Pastor

In 1915, the building of the present beautiful church was undertaken and it was dedicated July 13, 1917.

In 1923 a grade school was built and the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, from Monroe, were placed in charge.

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High School Built

Fr. Albert L. Melvin succeeded Fr. Fleming as pastor in 1925. On Jan. 3, 1938, Father Melvin was succeeded here by Fr. James J. Marvin.

After careful study of the needs of the parish and the abilities of its loyal faithful, he saw clearly the necessity here, as elsewhere, of more Catholic education for the students of high school age.

On April 3, 1939, Bishop Murphy sent us these encouraging words: "I am very much interested in what you say regarding the school at Harbor Beach, and hope that you will be able to carry out your plan for a complete high school course in your parish."

The High School was opened in September, 1941. It was affiliated with the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. There are now 562 who have graduated from the high school.

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Present Pastor

AT THE PRESENT time the parish is typically American. People of all national origins have freely intermarried. Nearly one-fourth of the families have either a convert wife or husband, showing how intimately the parish has become an integrated part of the territory.

Our Lady of Lake Huron is now beginning its sixty-second year as a parish. During these years it has been served by only five pastors. Father James J. Marvin was succeeded by Fr. Cornelius N. McEachin on March 5, 1963.

On Aug. 5, 1944, Bishop Murphy sent the parish its first assistant, Fr. Frederick J. Maynard. Fr. Bernard J. Kirchman replaced Father Maynard in June 1945.

June 10, 1950, the Bishop sent Fr. Alpha J. LaHaie to take the place of Father Kirchman. Fr. Mason L. Vaughn was appointed to take the place of Father LaHaie until May, 1951; Fr. John Debski until Sept. 4, 1951; Fr. Robert G. Smith until December, 1952; Fr. Joseph O'Rourke until September, 1956; Fr. Joseph Schabel until September, 1958; Fr. Joseph Bauer until June, 1960; Fr. George Serour until September, 1962, when Fr. Joseph K. Miller was named parish assistant.

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Vocations

ONLY ONE MAN of the parish has become a priest, James Mausolf is Fr. Isidore Mausolf, O.F.M., Cap.

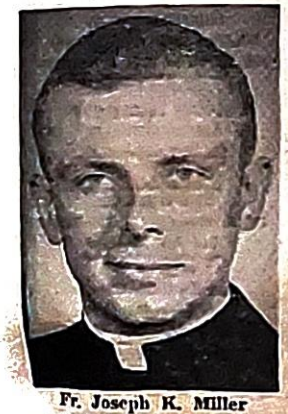
Joseph LaMielle is now Brother Joseph LaMielle, S.J., and Jack Schornack is now Brother Mark, a Franciscan.

There are three Seminarians: Rev. Mr. John Gentner, John Currie and Steven Zinger.

A more creditable number of women have become Religious: Mary Engel, Sister M. Theona, I.H.M.; Agnes Essenmacher, Sister Cecilia, O.P.; Irene Essenmacher, Sister Agnes Dolores, O.P.; Mary Ann Grates, Sister Mary Rosetta, F.; Agnes Gentner, Sister Mary Ardian, I.H.M.; Aileen Grekowicz, Sister Marie Jude, Sister of Mercy; Marie Grekowicz, Sister M. Gracella, I.H.M.; Theresa Grekowicz, Sister Marie Arnold, I.H.M.; Johanna Kramer, Sister Rose de Chantal, O.P.; Margaret Ann Roggenbuck, Sister Robert Jean, O.P.; Martha Roggenbuck, Sister M. Innocentia, I.H.M.; Margaret Schulte, Sister Benedicta, Sister of Charity, (deceased); Anna Shubitowski, Sister Marie Bernard, I.H.M.; Ellen Zmich, Sister M. Adelbert, I.H.M.; and Jane Toppin, Sister M. Irvaline, I.H.M.

The Church committee for 1963 includes Bernard Booms, Clement Kranz, Roman Busch, John Stapleton and George Wruble.

Christian Mothers Altar Society president is Mrs. Peter Kocina, and Men's Club president is Darwin Willett.



Fr. Joseph K. Miller
Harbor Beach Assistant

St. Michael

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R.S.M., and Sr. M. Sabina Sutter, (deceased).

The following entered the Dominican Order of Grand Rapids: Sr. M. Innocence Yaklin (deceased), Sr. Seraphine Wendling, Sr. Regina Andres, Sr. Hilda Belkofer (deceased), Sr. Isidore Studor (deceased), Sr. Pauline Keeler, Sr. Christina Quarderer, Sr. Jordan Ruhl (deceased), Sr. M. Corona Andres, Sr. M. Antionette Yaklin, Sr. Marion Yaklin (deceased), Sr. M. Sienna Wendling, Sr. M. Euphrosine Gross (deceased), Sr. M. Edwarda Yaklin, Sr. M. Frederica Knieper, Sr. Joseph Marie Kuhn, Sr. Louis Bertrand Emmendorfer, Sr. Alicia Andres, Sr. Rose Ellen Wendling, Sr. Bertille Tithof, Sr. Ann Henry Keeler, Sr. M. Dolores Wendling, Sr. Jane Anthony Cherwinski, Sr. Viola Marie Henige, Sr. Immaculata Eickholt, Sr. M. Imelda Bishop, Sr. Maria Goretti Beckman.

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Societies Active

A VISIT TO St. Michael's to attend High Mass on any second or fourth Sunday of the month will impress the visitor with the strength of the Holy Name society and Altar society.

Both have been the backbone of parish activities for many, many years. Both organizations are affiliated with the National Catholic Welfare Council.

Three more organizations have been activated within the past ten years: Legion of Mary, St. Michael Home and School association, and St. Michael's Athletic association.

Catholic Premier Heads Government

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands, (NC) — Queen Juliana of the Netherlands has sworn in a new Dutch cabinet headed by a Catholic premier.

Six of the 13 members of the new government belong to the Catholic People's party.

The cabinet is a coalition of the CPP, the Liberal party and two Protestant-oriented political groups, the Christian Historical Union and the Anti-revolutionary party. The Labor party remains in opposition.

HEAD OF THE government is Premier Victor G.M. Marijnen, who succeeded in putting together the cabinet sworn in here (July 24) after repeated failures by other leading CPP leaders to form a government following the May 15 elections.

St. John Now Mission of Harbor Beach

FORESTVILLE—By 1857, a Catholic group around Forestville had occasional celebration of Mass in the homes of the people.

On May 22, 1875 Mr. and Mrs. James Potts donated to Bishop Borgess of Detroit 1½ acres of land off the south-east corner of their farm.

On the same date, Mr. and Mrs. John Wahla donated 1½ acres of land off the southwest corner of their farm to Bishop Borgess.

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Church Built

ON JULY 4, 1891, the first picnic was held at Mrs. Mary Ann Pott's home for the purpose of collecting for the new church.

By June 22, 1893, they had succeeded in collecting $577.41. The contract for the building was given to N. C. Potts, who was to furnish all the materials and paint the church for $600.

St. John Chrysostom remained a mission of Ruth, SS. Peter and Paul for several years. Later it was attached to St. Patrick's, Palms. In 1931, it was attended again from Ruth.

Father Frank W. Kaufmann had the church moved from the site in the cemetery, and placed on the east side of Huron Shore Road at the south end of Forrestville. An addition doubled the church size.

In January, 1915, the mission was attached temporarily to Our Lady of Lake Huron, Harbor Beach. On Jan. 5, 1959, the mission was attached to Harbor Beach.

In June, 1950, an addition was added at the back of the church. This annex serves for an overflow crowd in the summer time, when there are many tourists. It is used during the school months for the teaching of Catechism, meetings and social affairs.

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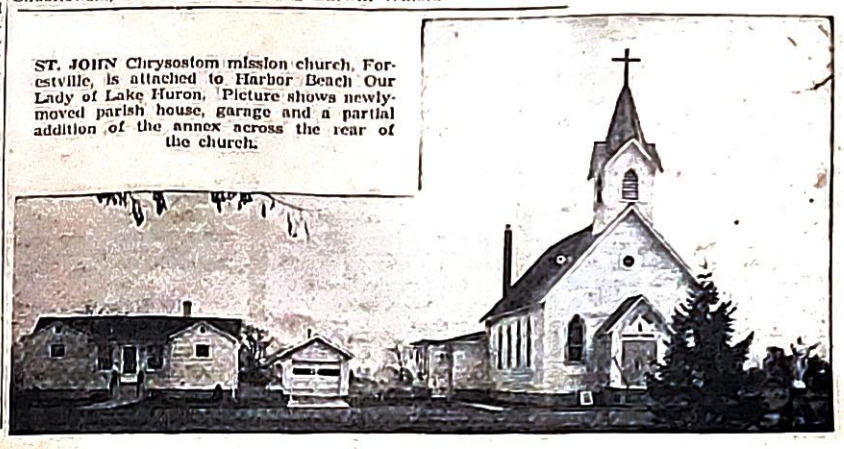
Parish House

THE MISSSION church of St. John's also now has a parish house which was bought and moved from 18 acres west of town to its present place next to the church. It is fully equipped. This was in 1961; the 18 acres are for future development.

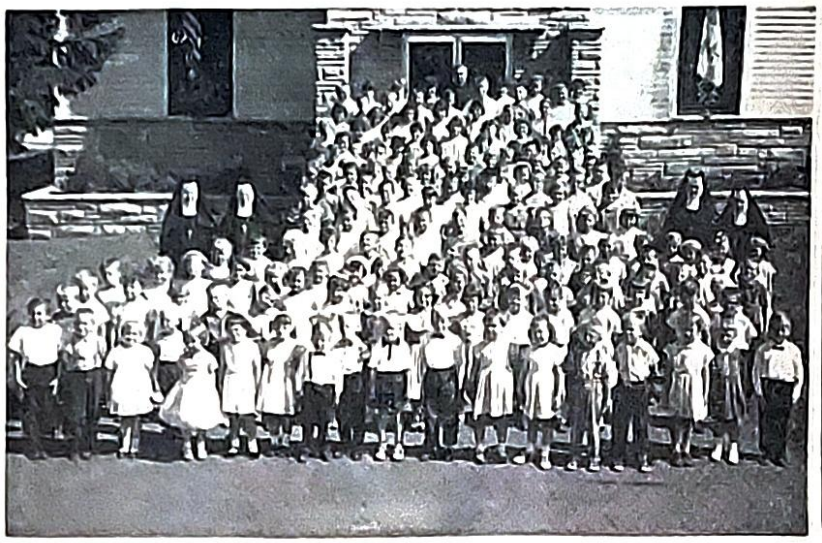
Two or three Sisters from Harbor Beach here teach about 40 children each Sunday before Mass.

The Church committee for 1963 includes Joseph Artman, Harold Mahon, Wilfred Strawska, Raymond Sulda, Jerome Toole.

Rosary Altar Society president is Mrs. Betty Lautner. Holy Name president is Joseph Artman.



ST. JOHN Chrysostom mission church, Forestville, is attached to Harbor Beach Our Lady of Lake Huron. Picture shows newly-moved parish house, garage and a partial addition of the annex across the rear of the church.



INSTRUCTION IN THE FAITH begins at an early age in Rapson St. Joseph parish. Above, 185 members of the 1962 Summer Catechism School are pictured with their instructors.

Golden Jubilee Year for St. Joseph Parish

RAPSON—Early in 1913 Bishop Foley of Detroit was petitioned by the Catholic families living in the rough and poor district around Rapson Corners, for his blessing to build a church and establish a parish. He gave them encouragement and on Feb. 15, 1913 a drive for funds was started.

Paul Duda, Vincent Maikrzek and Paul Wruble visited the 32 Catholic families in the district and had collected and promised money to start construction. On July 23, 1913 the church cornerstone was blessed by Bishop Edward Kelley of Detroit.

The settlers in Rapson came from the Parisville and Dwight parishes to set up farming in the then called Pine Ridge section of Huron County. The fields were swampy and so the land was rough and unworkable till ditches were dug.

Among the original organizers of the parish were Paul Duda, Paul Wruble, Wm. Minnick, Vincent Maikrzek, Nick Miller, Joseph Burejza, Leo Miller, Anthony Kociba, John Talski, Anthony Swartz, Ignatius Paloski, J. Myjak, John Osentoski, John Gonney, Anthony Gwizdala, Frank Peyrek, Joseph Goniwiecha, Theodore Heleski, John Duda, Thomas Ksiazek, John Paloski, Joseph Duda, R. Klama, Theodore Bezemek J. Stickney, Joseph Gomoluch, Peter Dudek, Alex Talaski, Frank Partyka, C. Thopson, F. Hubbard, August Mazure, Barney Mazure, Steve Talaski, Paul Pulcer, John Heleski, Tom Kucharcik, Frank Minnick, Joseph Minnick, J. Duggan, Tom Murray Joseph Murray, Steve Wisga, John Bezemek, Matt Skrzypinski.

The above list is found in the original as it was placed in the cornerstone in 1913.

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First Mass

CONSTRUCTION of the church was completed with the actual labor of the men of the parish, who donated their time and labor. The first Mass was offered in the new church on Thanksgiving Day, 1913, by the new pastor of St. Mary Church in neighboring Dwight township, the Fr. Boleslaus Stefanski.

Because the early pioneers of the parish, were all young men many of them are still living after 50 years.

Records of the early history of the church were lost in the rectory fire at Dwight. The records at the parish begin with April of 1925 with the appointment of the Fr. Michael Sajnaj as the first resident pastor of St. Joseph Church.

He was preceded by Fr. Boleslaus Stefanski who ministered to the people for five years, coming by horse and wagon and sleigh from Dwight parish. He was succeeded by Fr. Raphael Chrzaszcz for four years till 1923.

Father Sajnaj from 1925 to Dec. 8, 1928 worked hard to organize the people into a parish unit. He resigned because of poor health and was replaced by Fr. Joseph Gorski in June of 1929.

Prior to his appointment the parish had no pastor for months. Father Joseph Gorski was instrumental in improving the Church furnishings, and completed the building of the Rectory. He remained as pastor for ten years.

Bishop Murphy named Fr. Leo Plaskowski as the pastor of St. Joseph in Rapson. He remained for four years.

Fr. Stephen Kozak became pastor on Sept. 1, 1943 but stayed only a short period to be succeeded by Fr. Leonard Kwasigroch on March 25, 1945. He died as pastor on March 7, 1946. After the funeral at St. Joseph in Rapson Father Glenn Wm. Cronkite was made administrator. Fr. Francis Lukowiez became pastor on May 1, 1946.

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Benedictines Arrive

FATHER LUKE, as he was known to the parishioners, stayed on as pastor till March 1959.

Fr. Arthur Mulka was pastor of St. Joseph till September, 1959 while arrangements were in the making to get the aid of the Benedictine Fathers of Cleveland St. Andrew's Abbey for the Diocese.

In September, 1959, Abbot Theodore Kojis, O.S.B., appointed Father Joseph Karaba, O.S.B. as the first Benedictine to the Diocese of Saginaw, with the blessings for a great future in a new territory, with the prayers and hopes for much good for God, and the people.

Soon Catholic Action was put into practice in the parish. The Holy Name Society for the Men of the parish and the Holy Trinity Mission was founded and is in full activity today.

The altars in Church were remodeled and Liturgy of the Benedictines was introduced and obeyed.

The Church tower was reenforced and aluminum glass doors were installed. A new approach and a wider and higher platform was built. A stone front for the Church was constructed of Indiana Limestone, and stone planters were built on each side in the front of the church.

Fr. Joseph Karaba, OSB
Present Pastor

Next, a Cry Room was constructed in the church. A public address system was installed and tower amplifiers provided.

Because of the awful condition of all the roads in and around Rapson, action was taken for Road Improvements. In the Summer of 1961 Rapson Rd., now known as St. Joseph Blvd., was blacktopped along the Church and the property. Last summer the lot east of the Church was bought.

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Spiritual Progress

SINCE THE summer of 1960, catechism summer school for the boys and girls of St. Joseph and Holy Trinity is conducted annually by the Felician Sisters of Livonia. In 1962 the class boasted 185 children taught by the Sisters and he patstor for a five week period.

At St. Joseph two Masses are celebrated every Sunday at 7:30 and 10:30 and at 9 at Holy Trinity. All three are always High Masses.

The parish has a very active and spirited St. Ann Mothers club, which sponsors the Sisters and Catechism school. The Altar Society is active in providing for the Church. The Blessed Virgin Sodality for girls is also the Choir.

The Holy Name society brings more men to the Sacraments.

St. Joseph Servers number 20 boys of high school and grade school age. Evening Masses on First Fridays and Holy Days fill the church.

Benedictines Serve Holy Trinity Mission

SMITH CORNERS—Since 1858 Holy Mass has been said for and attended by the Catholic people living in the vicinity of Schmitt Corners, nine miles Southeast of Bad Axe.

Father Peter Kluck, of Huron County celebrated Holy Mass and administered to the people from the homes of William Maurer and Christian Regler for five years prior to the building of the first Holy Trinity Church on the present site in 1861.

Father Kluck served Holy Trinity Mission for 15 years, and was followed by Fr. S. Wieczorek and Fr. J. Wesoloski in 1871 to 74. In 1875 Father Michael Dziurowicz of Sherman took charge of the Mission and died in 1880, and was saved the sorrows of the fire of 1881, which completely burned out the Church and property.

From 1880-1883 Rev. Fr. Gratza of Parisville was pastor. The burned church was rebuilt the same year.

In 1883 the mission was put in with SS. Peter and Paul in Ruth. In 1899 it was transferred to the care of Harbor Beach.

The new church burned Jan. 13, 1913 and Father Hennigan started the construction of the third building in 1913. In 1919 Bishop Gallagher transferred the mission to St. John Church in Ubly. Here Fr. B. Jarzemboski cared for the Mission till 1923, and was followed by Fathers John Balcer and J. Nowaczyk.

Bishop Gallagher transferred the mission in 1925 to St. Joseph Church in Rapson.

ON MAY 1, 1946 Bishop Murphy appointed Fr. Frank Lukewicz as Pastor of St. Joseph, Rapson and Mission of Holy Trinity.

In March, 1959, Bishop Wozznicki appointed Fr. Arthur Mulka as pastor till other arrangements were complete. He served the mission till September of 1959.

Bishops Wozniicki had invited the Benedictine Fathers, Monks of St. Benedict of St. Andrew Abbey, Cleveland, to the diocese and gave them St. Joseph, Rapson and Holy Trinity. Abbot Theodore Kojis, O.S.B., sent Fr. Joseph Karaba, O.S.B., as pastor.

HOLY TRINITY parishioners took an active part in the celebration of "100 Years of Catholicity in the Thumb." Only one parishioner was chosen to answer the call to the priesthood. Fr. Simon Schmitt, celebrated his First Solemn Mass at Holy Trinity on May 24, 1932. He became pastor of St. Mary in Burnside, Michigan in 1947 and a year later he died in a hunting accident.

Vocations to the Sisterhood were four.

Sister Mary Electa and Sister Mary Clarissa, of the Henry Schmitt, sr., family are with the Congregation of St. Agnes in Fond du Lac, Wis. Sister Mary Josephine, of the William Mauer, sr., family is also there as an assistant to the Mother Superior General. Sister Mary Cyprian, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mauer, sr., is with the Immaculate Heart of Mary Sisters in Monroe.

IN RECENT years the altars were remodeled. The sanctuary was enlarged and platform and altar steps widened. New candlesticks were donated and Mass vestments were given by the Ladies of the Altar society.

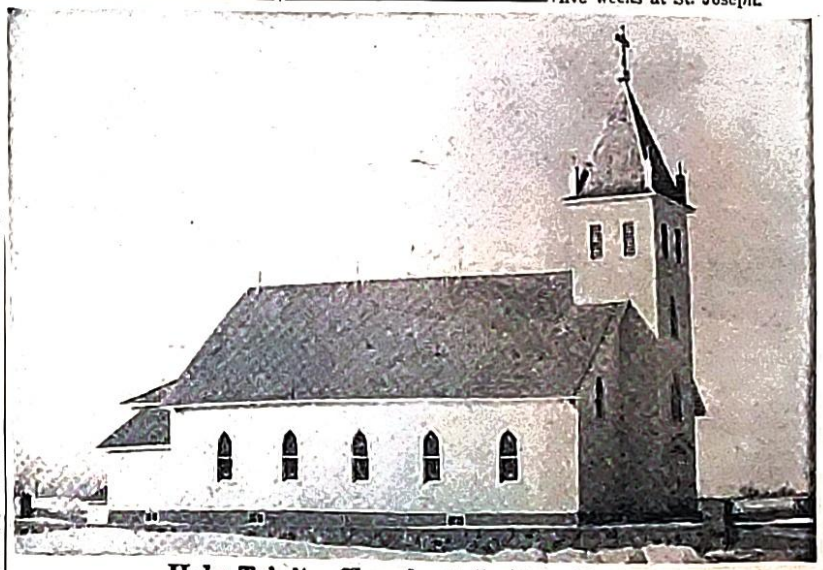
In the Church the kneelers were recovered and a sound proof cry room was provided. The confessional has been relocated and sound proofed, and the interior church walls panelled.

A public address system was installed.

A stone planter and a Blessed Mother Shrine have been donated and erected. The first roof plumbing has now been installed. The Cemetery has been completely renovated and enlarged and landscaping has now been started.

The church has a very active Altar Society. The men of the church are solidly united in the Holy Name society.

Children of the Holy Trinity attend some of the neighboring Catholic schools. All attend the summer catechism classes for five weeks at St. Joseph.



Holy Trinity Church at Smith' Corners

St. Edward Church and Hall at Kinde

School Future Goal of St. Edward Parish

KINDE—Fr. Henry Van Dyke, pastor of Sacred Heart, Bad Axe, who, through 1909-1913 offered Mass in an empty store in Kinde. Parishioners laid the church cornerstone in 1912.

In 1913 Fr. Frank Baweja was appointed assistant to Fr. Van Dyke, pastor of Sacred Heart, Bad Axe and missions of Ubly and Kinde St. Edward.

On Jan. 1, 1915, Fr. Baweja was appointed pastor of Ubly and the mission of Kinde.

A year after the construction of the Church, the people began building a rectory. After its completion, Bishop Foley on Jan 1, 1917 appointed Fr. Stanislaus Bortnowski as first pastor of the parish.

The second floor of the rectory was completed during the pastorate of Fr. V. F. Griffin. With Fr. William Crowley as pastor, the present Church bell was installed in the steeple.

Fr. Patrick McGuinness was appointed from September, 1924, till October, 1936. He was succeeded by Fr. John W. Nagle, who remained till July, 1949. During these years the present heating system was installed, and the church was entirely redecorated.

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Rectory Burns

ON HOLY Saturday, March 27, 1948 St. Edward's rectory caught fire. Despite the efforts of the townspeople, the rectory was lost. In the succeeding months, the Joseph Wagner home was purchased, which still serves as the rectory.

Fr. Frederick Maynard was appointed pastor of St. Edward's on July 27, 1949, and remained as pastor till November, 1953. During this time, the parish made great strides in organization and building, since under the direction of Fr. Maynard the parish hall was built. An addition to the rectory was also built which served as the office.

After Fr. Maynard assumed his new position as Pastor of St. Christopher in Bridgeport, Fr. Lawrence H. Greiner became pastor of St. Edward's, on Nov. 18, 1953.

During the succeeding years much important maintenance and repair work was done. New storm glass was installed in all the Church windows, the outside of the church and rectory was re-painted, and space in the Church basement was converted into a meeting room and classroom.

In 1955, Mrs. T. A. Indo, in memory of her husband donated the electric bell system that is presently still in use.

In May, 1958, Fr. Ignatius O'Brien became pastor. During the short year that Fr. O'Brien remained, the Church was redecorated, new altars built by a parish carpenter, Floyd Douvrette, and new pews ordered. All

of which accomplished a badly needed project.

Fr. O'Brien turned his attention especially to the parish cemetery which had been neglected for some time, and organizing the parishioners around this project, tiled and leveled the cemetery, and added a decorative fence across the front.

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Present Pastor

IN MAY OF 1959, Fr. Paul C. Pelletier became pastor of St. Edward's, along with his appointment as director of Catholic Family Service of Bad Axe.

In 1960, a badly needed addition to the hall was built, which increased the original hall by about two-thirds, including a completely new and equipped kitchen, a library-meeting room, a cloak room and two lavatories.

Work continued on the parish cemetery. A Cemetery Commission was established in 1960, the first members being John Moore, Dan Indo, Ben Ignash and Bill Bushey.

Under their direction complete rules and regulations were made for the cemetery.

It was surveyed and plotted out with aluminum lot marker: All existing grave markers were sunk level with the ground. A central monument consisting of concrete steps and a 16 foot oak cross was erected. Finally the cemetery was adequately landscaped.

As a result many of the parishioners have now been encouraged to buy family lots, and the cemetery has become an adequate and well-kept burial ground.

Fr. Paul C. Pelletier
Present Pastor

In 1962, through the voluntary contributions of interested parishioners, the parish purchased a new Conn Classic organ valued at approximately $3,800.

Early in 1963, St. Edward's developed the tithing program, which at the present is greatly increasing the regular income of the parish.

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Mass Participation

WITHIN THE last three years the parishioners of St. Edward's have begun Mass participation, a program that has rapidly developed, increasing the spiritual life of the parish.

Parishioners are forming a parish library under the sponsorship of a library commission.

At present St. Edward's parish numbers about 140 families, living in the village of Kinde and surrounding territory. There are approximately 150 grade school children, taught by lay teachers every Saturday, and 60 High School students taught by the pastor.

In the years of its existence, the parish has slowly changed its focus to include a greater emphasis on spiritual and intellectual development, which gives the parish a well-founded hope that in the relatively near future it may be able to think of building a parish school.

Sanford St. Agnes

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Shine became the new pastor of St. Philip Neri Parish, Coleman and the mission parish of St. Agnes, Sanford.

St. Agnes with a membership of 138 families in Sanford and the surrounding area, Edenville, Hope, Averill and Olson, are endeavoring to become a parish in their own right. A census, the initial step toward this objective has been taken, and forwarded for consideration. The pastorate encompasses approximately 300 square miles.

Projects completed during 1962 under the direction of Father Shine were landscaping and a sprinkling system for the church lawn, installation of brick on the exterior walls of the church, paving and additional lighting for the parking lot and completion of the St. Agnes cemetery project.

This data on the history of St. Agnes has been compiled by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Neiner. Assistance came from The Catholic Weekly, Mary, Mabel and Gertrude McMullin, Ruth McMillan, Theresa Wendt, Joseph Christ and the late Nora McMahon.

The first marriage in the new church building took place between Donald Boxey and Sharon Neiner on June 18, 1960.

Their child, Kevin Joseph, was the first person baptized in the new St. Agnes on July 23, 1961. The baptismal font was a donation by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Neiner.

Herman Pieper, a St. Agnes Altar boy, was the first to be buried from the new church on Nov. 14, 1960. He met death when struck down by an automobile.

In September 1960, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine was expanded. Today nine lay instructors, with assistance from five substitute teachers, care for the religious instructions of 139 children, ranging from kindergarten through the senior grade of high school.

In 1961 the lawn surrounding the present church building was put in.

During a period extending from the summer of 1961 to the summer of 1962 extensive work was begun and completed on the cemetery grounds.

The church parking lot was paved in the summer of 1962.

An elaborate sprinkling system capable of servicing the entire parish grounds was installed in November 1962.

In October 1962, seven couples from the parish comprised the first Christian Family Movement group.

St. Agnes with a membership of 138 families is anxiously awaiting the day when the bishop will raise it to the status of a parish.

Auditorium Built, Church Renovated

KINDE—St. Mary's Parish planned to build a new auditorium. The blueprint was made by Walter Rozycki.

With the help of the parishioners the auditorium, 55 ft. by 85 ft., was built from concrete blocks and face brick in 1953.

In 1957 a marble Crucifixion group, Blessed Mother and St. John, imported from Italy, was erected in the cemetery by the parishioners.

A fence was built around the church property in 1958 by the Cyclone Fence co.

A two-car garage was built in 1959 with the help of the parishioners.

Renovation of the church took place in 1959 and 1960. The front of the church and the steeples were rebuilt. The church was insulated, vinyl tile laid throughout, new windows, and storm windows with screens were installed.

The church was redecorated by an artist, Charles Malczyk from Poland. New pews were installed.

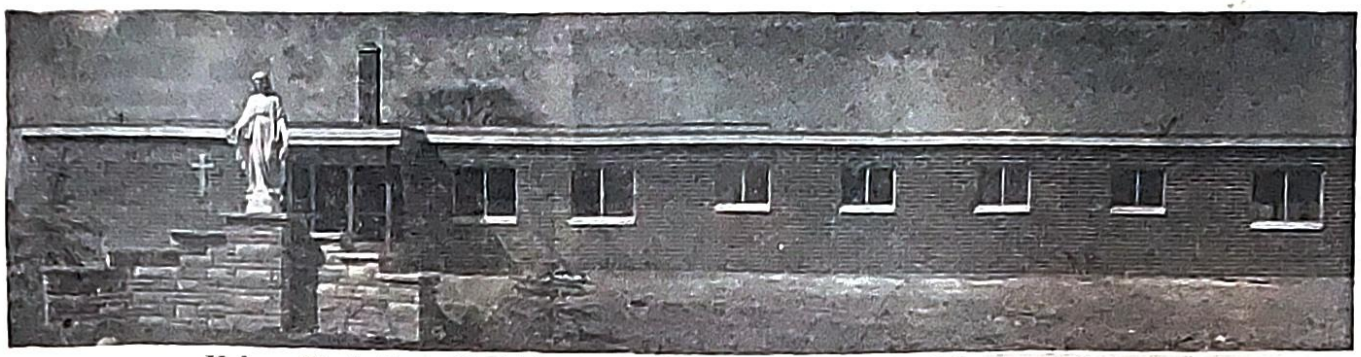
Five stained windows above the Main Altar with the four Evangelists, and Our Lady of Czestochowa in the middle, were installed.

FOR THE future, plans are made to renovate the rectory. The work is already slowly progressing. As Pastor I have directed and worked with my people to accomplish what has been done.

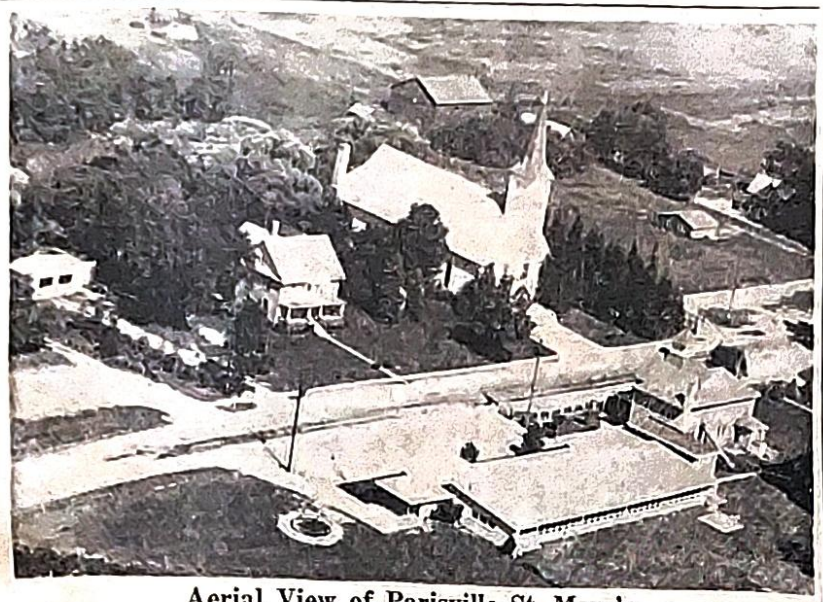
Directing progress of the parish has been Father Henry S. Podsaid, pastor.

Fr. Henry S. Podsiad
Present Pastor

Kinde St. Mary Auditorium, Built by Parishioners in 1953



Helena St. Anthony Parishioners Are Proud of their New School and Convent



Aerial View of Parisville St. Mary's

New Convent Goal of Parisville, Historic U.S. Polish Settlement

PARISVILLE—Although it is generally accepted that Parisville is the oldest Polish settlement in the United States, there is no factual historical data to support that claim since hazardous fires have destroyed all records. According to Father Pare, however, in his The Catholic Church of Detroit, "A sparse group of Poles came to Huron County as early as 1848 and the Parisville mission had its beginnings in 1852."

The first of the pioneering priests and "Apostles of the Thumb District" were Fr. Lawrence Kilroy of Detroit, who was soon replaced by Rev. Julian Maciejewski, and followed shortly by Rev. Joseph Krutell.

Actual assimilation began around 1858 with the coming of Rev. Peter Kluck, born in Sypniewo county of Walcz. The original document dates back to July 1, 1857. At the request of Bishop Lefevere, he laid the foundation for St. Mary's Church in 1858.

His report to the Chancery office after one year of hard work is revealing: (1) not one cent of income; (2) total inventory—one set of violet vestments.

Since there was no church, the first Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was offered in the spring of 1858 in the log house of Anthony Slavik.

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Log Chapel Built

FATHER KLUCK built the first log chapel on the spot where the present shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary stands, 1,000 feet west of the present rectory.

Father Kluck's health failed by 1863 and he left for Mexico. He died in 1878. Parisville was now totally without spiritual help.

Fr. Francis Briefkopf of Berlin, Canada was instructed to assist the colonists from time to time, until the people built a larger

Fr. Ignatius J. Woloszyk
Present Pastor

St. Mary's Church and a new rectory. This church was built on the spot where the present shrine of St. Rock stands.

Fr. Simon Wieczorek, C. R., relieved Father Briefkopf upon assuming permanent pastorship.

Just as the parish began to show signs of promise, the historical forest fire of 1871 ravaged Manistee Holland, Forestville, Parisville and a group of other little colonies, which completely disappeared. Father Wieczorek sought refuge in his Detroit mission field. Fr. John Dziurowicz was sent to replace him, but his stay was short lived.

Fr. Joseph Musielewicz came in 1874. He began the building of the second church in June 1875, and saw its completion by October of the same year. Next Pastor, Fr. John Graca, held the post till 1884.

Meanwhile a second dreadful fire of Sept. 5, 1881 raged from Saginaw Bay to Lake Huron leaving sixty miles of devastation and rubble. Father Graca nearly lost his life in the heroic attempt to save his Church.

Pooling their resources, St. Mary parishioners commenced reconstruction of a new church, school and rectory. The Immaculate Conception Church stands to this day as a monument to their courage and zeal.

Among priests who labored at St. Mary's were: 1884—Rev. Constantine Domagalski; 1887—Rev. Albert Sulek; 1889—Rev. Leopold Moczygemba; 1890—Rev. Peter Rodowicz; 1893—Rev. Casimir Wolajtys; 1908—Rev. John Mueller; 1923—Rev. Joseph Folta; 1926—Rev. Constantine Dziuk; 1932—Rev. Joseph Koper.

Fr. Leopold Moczygemba deserves special mention in that, at his invitation, the Felician Sisters came to Parisville in 1889 to conduct the school. They are still at their post today after half a century of hard work amongst the children. To date 20 young ladies from Parisville have joined their ranks.

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Rectory Built

THE RESIDENCE of Father Wolajtys was totally destroyed by fire, Feb. 6, 1902, but it was immediately rebuilt and the result is a fine and modern brick residence.

Father Wolajtys is also credited with the erection of a beautiful shrine in honor of St. Rock, located between the church and rectory.

Father Joseph Koper arrived from Hilliards in 1932. Towards the end of his pastorate he supervised the cleaning up and landscaping of the cemetery.

His great project was the building of the crucifixion monument in the cemetery, which was blessed on Memorial Day of the year 1946. In 1948 Father Koper was transferred to St. Florian in Standish.

Of the living pastors we have Rev. Michael J. Kujawa and Rev. Ignatius J. Woloszyk.

The interiorly renovated church and the newly built ranch-type school are Father Kujawa's monumental works. But he saw that school without providing transportation would be a failure, hence Father Kujawa bought two buses and a garage for this purpose and a house for the custodian.

Considering the short term that he stayed here, the accomplishments are praise worthy, for he was installed June 15, 1948 and left the parish June 23, 1953.

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Present Pastor

THE SUCCESSOR of Fr. Kujawa at St. Mary's is Fr. Ignatius J. Woloszyk, who was installed pastor June 24, 1953.

Greater internal improvements in the church are attributed to Father Woloszyk's effort. There is much evidence of beautiful handiwork and carpentry done in the church. The confessional, artistic altar rail, new floor, new pews and recently installed lights changed the whole internal appearance.

New expensive bronze candle sticks replaced the old.

Even the external received a new garment as the preparation for the Centennial, which took place in 1958.

Besides this, many improvements were made at the convent, including pews, altar and artistically inlaid candle-sticks.

Father Woloszyk also supervised a $35,000.00 improvement in the rectory.

The much talked-about improvements attracted visitors from all over the state. The purchase of three new buses (valued $18,000) in the last three years added to the improvements.

With the untiring efforts and excellent management of the pastor the parish mortgage of $65,000 has been paid. The total improvements plus the paid debt represents a value of $140,000.

A new convent is now under construction.

The last of the achievements of the people of Parisville is the Shrine built in honor of the Immaculate Conception on the occasion of the Centennial. The shrine is of unique design and built from field stone brought by the people themselves.

Vocations: sisters since 1952—5 (Total 19); brothers—2; and Seminarians—2.

1958 Opening for St. Anthony School

HELENA—St. Anthony parish was organized in 1910 with about 60 German families. In the same year the church was erected. The rectory was not built until 1919. In 1933 the parish hall was erected.

In September, 1958 St. Anthony school opened with an enrollment of 101 pupils.

IT WAS through the co-operation of the parishioners, under the guidance of Father Joseph O'Rourke, the pastor, that the school was built. It was staffed by the Dominican Sisters from Adrian. Members of the first faculty were Sr. Marie Bernadette, O.P., Sr. Clement, O.P., and Sr. Joseph Patricia, O. P.

To insure the success of the school project, the Youth Club built a shrine to Our Blessed Mother.

Present parish vocations to the priesthood are Charles Booms, Dennis Booms, and Joseph Rog-Dennis Booms, and Joseph Roggenbuck.

Raymond Geiger is studying for brotherhood in the Congregation of the Precious Blood (C.P.P.S., and Harvey Kramer is Don Bosco Order.

In the convent are Sr. Ann Christopher I.H.M. (Jean Booms), Sr. Bernetta, IHM (Harriet Booms, Sr. Augustine, IHM, (Evelyn Booms), Sr. Robert Jean, O.P., (Margaret Ann Roggenbuck), and Karen Abraham, IHM postulant.

THE RECTORY was remodeled in 1960 and a new heating system installed in church and rectory.

Other improvements included installation of a new organ, padded kneelers, and a new confessional.

At the cemetery a burial vault and storage building combination was built.

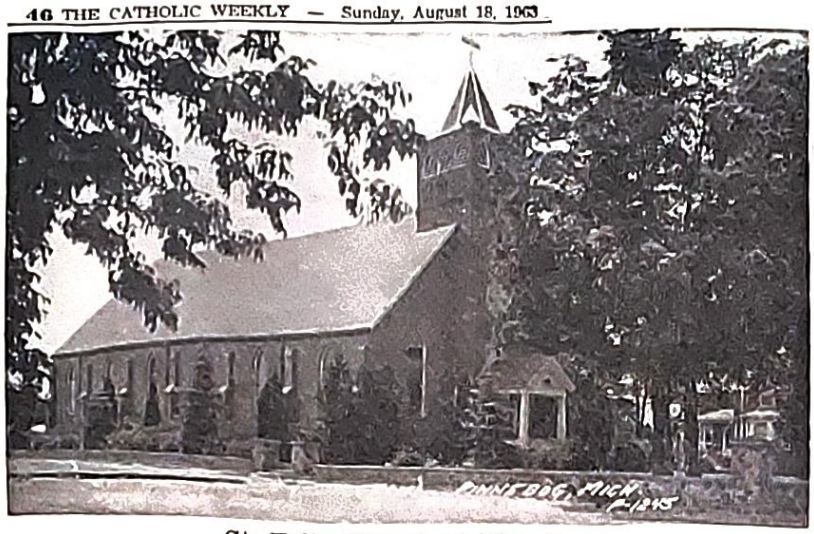
Fr. John Rushman
Present Pastor

Church Council

There is no foundation to a news agency report that the second session of the ecumenical council will end on December 8, the council press office has announced.

The office stated that Pope Paul has himself declared that he will let the council take its normal course before deciding on when it will end.

The second council session is scheduled to begin on Sept. 29.



St. Felix Church at Pinnebog

Catholics See Parish as 'Show Place of the Thumb'

PINNEBOG—On July 4, 1951, the parishioners of St. Felix and their pastor, Father Camill F. Klos, celebrated the golden jubilee of their present church building. The church was built during the pastorate of Father Francis Hewlett, who had been appointed to the parish as its first resident pastor by the late Bishop John S. Foley of Detroit in July, 1899.

The jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated by the Most Rev. Allen J. Babcock, Bishop of Grand Rapids, in the presence of Bishop Woznicki.

Father Klos became pastor of St. Felix and the mission of St. Roch, Caseville, on June 26, 1947. It was while he was pastor that extensive repairs were made on the 50-year old buildings of the parish.

The church was sand blasted. The bricks were pointed on the church and on the rectory. A new roof was put on the church and an asphalt tile floor was laid in the church.

The altar was remodeled. A new tabernacle, new candle sticks, a new crucifix to hang over the altar, and a new organ were purchased. It was also at this time that Our Lady of Fatima grotto was erected.

FATHER ROBERT G. Navarre succeeded Father Klos on Oct. 30, 1951. Through Father Navarre's efforts a modern and beautiful new church was built at Caseville. And on Sept. 7, 1956, Father Navarre resigned as pastor of St. Felix and became the first resident pastor of St. Roch, Caseville.

Father Sigmund J. Haremski was then named pastor of St. Felix. Besides taking diligent care of the souls of the parishioners, he also did a great deal of repairing on the buildings.

He is responsible for the new hot water heating systems both in the church and rectory. The porches in front and back of the rectory were enclosed to make additional office space.

In June of 1960, Father Haremski was transferred to St. Florian's in Standish, and Fr. Edward J. Szturmowski was appointed pastor. Due to illness, Father Szturmowski retired from active priestly duties in September of the same year. Fr. Joseph A. Schabl was named pastor Sept. 15, 1960.

Fr. Joseph A. Schabel
Present Pastor

In the spring of 1961, a new boiler was purchased for the church. In February of 1962, a new vinyl asphalt floor was laid in the hall.

THROUGH THE years the pastors of St. Felix have conferred the Sacrament of Baptism on 1,688 souls. They have joined in Holy Matrimony 344 couples. Christian burial was given to the bodies of 543 souls.

At present there are 128 families in the parish. We have 59 high school students who attend Monday evening religion class. There are 126 grade school children and they attend the Saturday (C.C.D.) religion classes from 9 until 11:30 a.m. Seven lay teachers assist in the work of instructing the children in religion.

During the past two summers, we have had a Summer School Program in religion for the grade school children conducted by the Felician sisters from St. Michael's school, Port Austin.

The parishioners of St. Felix Church are proud that Catholicity has been long and well founded here. Mass was first said in what now comprises the parish limits in the 1870's. The parishioners of the past worked hard and sacrificed much to keep their beloved faith and build their church buildings during the years.

And the present parishioners have continued to keep the faith strong among them and sacrifice much to keep their buildings well repaired. In fact they have made their church and their grounds the "show place of the Thumb."

Building of New School Highlighted Past Decade in St. Michael Parish

PORT AUSTIN—After completing the remodeling of St. Michael church interior in June, 1951, shortly afterwards the tasks of remodeling the exterior of both church and rectory were undertaken simultaneously.

New roofs and asbestos siding were put on the buildings, enhancing the appearance and valuation of both structures and thus eliminating frequent upkeep by paint, repairing, etc.

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Campaign for New School

IN APRIL, 1953, at the Lakeside Hotel, a committee meeting of men and women from the parish who were to canvass the entire parish for pledges took place.

Inspired by the pastor's talk on the urgent need of a parochial school and conforming to the wishes of the bishop that there be a Catholic school in Port Austin, $300 was asked from every family, payable in three years.

The result of canvassing the parish—$35,000 was declared—hence the building fund got into operation and it has been functioning well even up to the present time because some are still giving, being handicapped in the past due to financial difficulties.

On March 15, 1955, the church committee—which then was composed of Harold Knoblock, Frank Syzmanski, Bernard Baranski, Stanley Polowski and Joe McNally—met at the rectory with contractor Nick Bambach and Walter Rozyck, architect. Signing of the contract took place for erecting a new school and auditorium for $120,793. Estimated cost of completed building—furnished—was to be $140,000.

On Sept. 15, 1955, Bishop Woznicki authorized a loan of $80,000 and Dec. 1, 1955, Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance co. of Milwaukee sent us a check in that amount—the rate of interest being 4½ per cent.

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New Convent

WHILE THE school was being constructed, preparations had been made at a meeting held pertaining to the Sisters convent to be built in the immediate future. Bids had been let out and John Petit, a local contractor and a member of the parish, was awarded the contract with low bid of $35,200. Estimated cost of completed building—furnished—was $12,340.

Fr. Joseph J. Dudek
Present Pastor

The Sisters convent consists of the following accommodations: office and reception room, chapel, refectory, five sleeping cells and kitchen, large community room, and a full basement with accommodations for laundry, sewing and recreation facilities. On Aug. 26, 1956 the Sisters invited the people of the parish to an afternoon open house.

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Dedication of School

ON OCT. 14, 1956 dedication of the school and blessing of the convent took place at 4 p.m. Present were Bishop Woznicki and the clergy of the Thumb Deanery, plus a huge throng of people from the parish.

Father Stanley Kilar, then pastor of Ubly St. John's, preached an inspiring sermon. Benediction followed in the church.

The Catholic Weekly carried a detailed account of the dedication and also had congratulatory editorial for the people and the pastor, Father Joseph Dudek.

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Sisters Provided

MOTHER COLLETTE, S.S.J., superior general of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Nazareth, promised by letter to have five sisters when the school would be ready for occupancy. Unfortunately she died shortly after that and the new successor flatly refused to send even one sister to teach.

A frantic appeal had been made in person and by mail to about 40 different religious communities to no avail and finally the kind hearted Mother Anuncia, then mother provincial of Livonia, yielded to supply sisters for our school.

The school at present is staffed by four Felician Sisters. The first Sisters to teach in our school were Sister M. Carissima, superior; Sister M. Firmina; and Sister M. John. Sister M. Carissima held the job of superior for six years being replaced in 1962 by Sister M. Eileen, the present superior.

Present enrollment is 186 children with four Sisters teaching: Sister M. Eileen, Sister M. Romuald, Sister M. Carissima and Sister M. Conceptia.

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ON NOV. 1, 1962 a program

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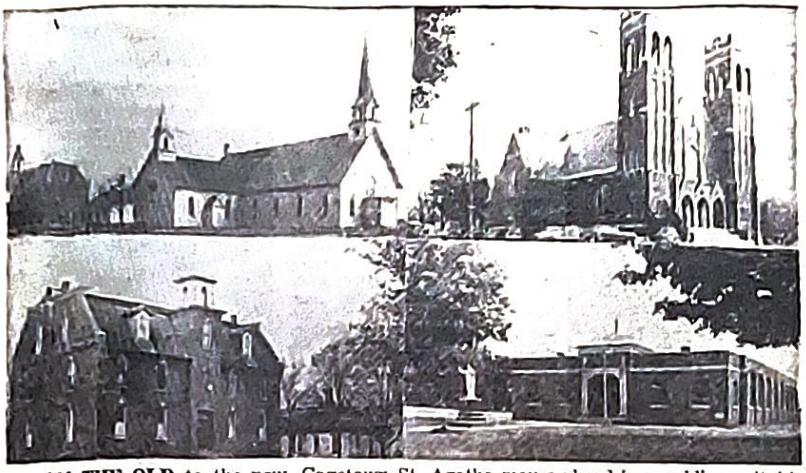
ST. MICHAEL School (below) and Convent (right) were completed in 1956.



FROM THE OLD to the new, Gagetown St. Agatha moves ahead in providing suitable buildings for church services and for the instruction of its youth.

Church Renovation Marked Past Decade at St. Agatha's

GAGETOWN — St. Agatha Parish began with the appointment of Fr. Clement T. B. Krebs as the first resident priest of Tuscola County on June 21, 1879. The first Sunday Masses were said in a wagon shop later known as Fahrenbacks Wagon Shop.

Land was bought for the Church site by Bishop Caspar H. Borgess of Detroit for $200 on Jan. 6, 1880.

The first church was dedicated in honor of St. Agatha by Bishop Borgess on Oct. 9, 1881. The rectory was built about the same time and with a few changes it still serves the parish.

Five years later in 1886 the first St. Agatha School was built and the Dominican Sisters of Adrian took charge on Aug. 28, 1887. By 1890 there were 80 pupils enrolled in the school.

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Present Church Built

FATHER KREBS was temporarily assigned on March 5, 1890 to establish St. Joseph parish in Port Huron.

During his absence Father Anthony Termes, Father M. J. Fleming and Father Dennis Mulcahy served the Parish. Father Krebs returned to the Parish on June 27, 1892.

When Father Michael J. Crowley succeeded Father Krebs on July 6, 1900 he immediately set about to build a mission Church at Cass City in honor of St. Pancratius. He also had the Mission at Sheridan transferred as a mission of Sacred Heart, Bad Axe.

Father Patrick Dwan was appointed pastor on April 20, 1901. Realizing that a larger Church was needed in Gagetown, he planned a new Church which was built so well that it stands to-day.

Construction began April 1, 1914 cornerstone laid July 7, 1915; and dedication on Oct. 23, 1917.

The Church was completed — except for the stained glass windows and south tower—for $15,000.

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Pastor 21 Years

FATHER DWAN was transferred to Detroit on Dec. 1, 1920 and was succeeded by Father Hennigan who remained in Gagetown until 1926, when he was transferred to Detroit.

Father George O'Sullivan and Father Leo Dorsey served the parish for short periods of time until Father Stephen A. Wittliff took charge on Nov. 23, 1927.

Father Wittliff is still remembered as an outstanding orator. He was here until Father John McCullough became pastor on July 11, 1929.

Father McCullough holds the record of tenancy in the parish having been here for 21 years. It was he who fulfilled the original plans for the Church by having the stained glass windows installed and the south tower added.

Fr. Frank L. McLaughlin
Present Pastor

On the erection of the Diocese of Saginaw in 1938 St. Agatha enjoyed the unique distinction of being the first headquarters of the Thumb Deanery.

Father McCullough was invested as a Domestic Prelate by His Holiness Pope Pius XII with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor.

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New School Built

IT WAS Armistice Day 1945 when the Monsignor set a campaign in motion to procure funds to replace the 60 year old combination school and convent with a modern structure.

Ground was broken May 18, 1949. The new school was opened for classes March 25, 1950. Bishop Woznicki blessed the school on May 8, 1951.

While the building of the school was in progress during the summer of 1949 the parish acquired a house which was moved onto the property adjacent to the school and after a complete renovation was fitted out as a convent for the three Dominican Sisters who taught in the school. The Sisters occupied their convent on Dec. 7, 1949.

It was not very long after Monsignor McCullough began the work on the new school that his health rapidly declined. To aid him in the administration of the parish Fathers John Nagle, Thomas Horton and Harry Hart each spent some time in Gagetown until death ended his pastorate on Aug. 15, 1950.

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Church Renovated

ON SEPT. 13, 1950 Father Lucien Bourget was sent to take charge until Sept. 5, 1951. When Father Glen William Cronkite was installed as pastor on that date he became the twelfth pastor of St. Agatha Church since it's inception in 1879.

The youthful Father Cronkite faced the task of paying off the balance of the debt incurred in building the new school and the tremendous job of raising enough money to make a substantial payment towards renovating the church and rectory.

The entire parish literally rolled up its financial sleeves and provided the capital to put the project well on it's way to completion. The stack of pledges was overwhelming.

Father Cronkite marked the Diamond Jubilee of the parish on Oct. 3, 1956.

On May 19, 1959, Father Cronkite was installed as the pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Merrill.

Father Frank L. McLaughlin is the present St. Agatha pastor.

St. Agnes

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labors of the beloved Father Robertson that the church was completed and that the people of Freeland were welded into a well knit parish. Non-Catholics also learned to know and love the priestly qualities of Father Robertson.

Thus it was a harsh blow to the people of Freeland when Father Robertson died of a heart attack on Nov. 15, 1962. Funeral services for the pastor of the flock were held on Nov. 19,1962 at the church for which he had labored.

Since the Bishop was in Rome for the Second Vatican Council at this time the celebrant for the Requiem Mass was Msgr. John J. Sonefeld, Vicar General of the Diocese. The sermon was preached by Father James A. Hickey who returned from Rome for the funeral.

On Nov. 19, 1962 Father James B. Ecarius, personal secretary to the Bishop and then acting assistant at Holy Family parish in Saginaw was named as Administrator of the parish of St. Agnes with residence at the Bishop's residence.

Father Ecarius is currently administering to the spiritual needs of the people.

Coleman St. Philip Neri

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ed by Father Artman and the parishioners in the building of the church that even those in the community not of the Catholic Faith gave of their time and assistance. That the Catholic people of Coleman are so proud of their church is not surprising; so much of their time and labors went into its very construction.

On June 10, 1956, the new church was dedicated by Bishop Woznicki.

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Parish Status

UP TO THIS time St. Philip Neri had been a mission of Sacred Heart parish, Gladwin. Then on June 15, 1956 St. Philip Neri was raised to the stature of a parish with its first resident pastor in the person of Father Joseph Kearns.

On the same date St. Philip Neri became a mother parish. St. Agnes, Sanford was attached as a mission.

Work on the new parish rectory commenced in the beginning of July, 1956 and was ready for occupancy on March 22, 1957.

As in the construction of the church, likewise in the rectory the greater portion of its construction was benefited by the donated labors of the pastor and the people.

The shrine of Our Lady of Fatima which adorns the area between the church and rectory was erected in May 1959.

During the pastorate of the dedicated Father Kearns the spiritual life of the parish showed marked progress.

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Parish Life Organized

THE HOLY NAME society was reactivated with Albert Heffron its first president. The Altar Society was divided into four circles. The Knights of the Altar was established. The Youth Club organized; the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine set up and two groups of the Christian Family Movement came into being.

On June 15, 1960 Father Kearns was transferred to begin the new parish of St. Maria Goretti, Kawkawlin. Father Robert Shine became the second resident pastor of St. Philip Neri.

In September, 1960 the church parking lot was improved and expanded. Also in September, 1960, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine program was enlarged so that today it includes seven regular lay instructors and three substitute teachers. There are 140 children under instruction.

In October, 1961 an all-male choir was organized to render dignified assistance to all solemn ceremonies. A children's choir was organized in October 1962 to enable the children to gain an intelligent participation in the Mass.

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Catechetical Center Next?

IN JUNE, 1962, the tithing program was instituted in the parish. The ultimate goal of the parish is to raise funds sufficient for the construction of a Catechetical Center. This building can eventually be converted into a parish school if such ever becomes a reality.

During the summer of 1962 the parish grounds were landscaped. The church basement hall was completed during the winter of 1962-63.

A parish organization which renders notable assistance to the pastor is the Legion of Mary. It was activated in January, 1961.

One vocation to the Sisterhood has emerged from St. Philip Neri. Sister Margaret Mary, formerly Miss Frances Fancovic, is a member of the Benedictine Order and is presently teaching in Oaklawn, Ill.

St. Philip Neri Parish to date enjoys a steady and healthy growth. From a mere handful of families 20 years ago, St. Philip's can now boast of 140 families.

St. Rita

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Therese Kuszba, Sister Mary Wanda Ezop, Sister Peter Annette Sikorski, and Sister Mary Veronica Sizick. Margaret Sienko is a postulant at Marywood. Miss Mary Gast will enter in September.

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Parish Organizations

Supplementing the regular church work is the activity of the church societies and organizations:

Star of Liberty Society for benevolent, charitable, social, educational, mutual aid purposes in connection with the parish. Membership is 120.

Immaculate Conception Sodality with 45 members.

Ladies Rosary Society of 125 members.

Holy Name Society with 20 members.

Home and School association with 130 members. This was previously the Parent-Teacher association, and the Mothers' club.

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GOLDEN JUBILEE DAY IN SHERIDAN—Bishop Woznicki headed the list of notables present as Sheridan St. Columbkille noted the 50th anniversary of its parish establishment on Sunday, May 29. Pictured at the occasion above are the bishop, Fr. Edward R. Werm, pastor, priest friends of the parish and First Communicants. Following Mass of Thanksgiving there was a 1:30 p.m. parish dinner and a jubilee program featuring music, dramatic sketches of parish history, and folk dances symbolic of the Scottish, German, Scandinavian and north European origins of the parish ancestry.

50th Jubilee as Parish Noted by St. Columbkille's in 1960

SHERIDAN—The first priest to care for the Scottish settlers in this area was Fr. Peter Kluck. He came to the Detroit Diocese from Posen, Poland, in July, 1958, and Bishop LeFevere assigned him to the upper Thumb, as its first resident priest.

Fr. Edward R. Werm
Present Pastor

In 1861, he came to Sheridan and celebrated the first Mass in a log house, the home of John McIntosh, on a farm now known as the Duncan Livingston farm. In 1870, Father Kluck celebrated Mass several times at the home of John McIntyre, now the Dougald Leitch farm. It was here that services were held, up to the time the first church was built.

Father Cornelius J. Roche succeeded Father Kluck and continued to say Mass at this same McIntyre home, where marriages and baptisms, also took place.

About 1872, the people of Sheridan prepared to build a church. A plot of ground was bought from an Indian named Riley. Ready cash was scarce but fortunately Matthew McIntyre was able to advance the price, $16.

With the exception of the church grounds, the land was sold and the proceeds were applied toward the building of the first Catholic church, 30x40 feet, in 1874. The first Mass was celebrated in it by Father Roche in August.

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Church Built in 1898

ON AUG. 22, 1875 Rev. Joseph Meader succeeded Father Roche. Mass was celebrated by Father Meader at Sheridan at irregular intervals. The church was remodeled in 1878.

In 1879, the "Scotch Settlement" as Father Clement Krebs called it, became a mission of Gagetown.

In the 1890's the congregation exceeded the capacity of the old church, so the people prepared to build a larger one. When completed, the total outlay was $5,700. St. Columbkille church was dedicated in 1898 by Bishop Foley.

The present church is the fifth one built by the small group of South Uist families and their descendants, in the fifty years from 1848, one year before their eviction from their island, and 1898, when the present one was blessed. Of the five, at least three are known to have been dedicated to St. Columbkille.

In 1902 Sheridan was made a mission of Bad Axe and placed in care of Rev. James Stapleton. In 1906 the Rev. Henry VanDyke succeeded Father Stapleton.

The Catholic people of Sheridan by this time desired to have a resident priest for their parish, and when this was communicated to Bishop Foyle, he willingly gave his consent.

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First Pastor

FATHER VANDYKE built a rectory and the Rev. Christopher T. Dolan was appointed the first resident pastor in 1910. He was succeeded in 1922 by Fr. James Carolan.

From the years 1927 to 1929 there were three pastors, Rev. J. McCarthy, Rev. Fagan, Rev. J.P. Halpin. From 1929 to 1934 the Rev. William X. Fitzpatrick was pastor. Rev. R. M. Noon succeeded Father Fitzpatrick in the fall of 1934, as administrator.

One of the highlights of the life of the parish was the ordination and first Mass Fr. John McMillan, in 1929. He is the son of Neil and Catherine McMillan.

The second to become a priest from the parish, is the Fr. Cornelius McEachin, son of John and Isabel McEachin. He was ordained in 1948.

The third priest from St. Columbkille's is Father George Weber M.M., son of Raymond and Flora Weber. Father Weber was ordained in 1955 and is now engaged in missionary work in Africa.

Eight young women became Religious: Christine O'Hanley, now Sister Frances de Sales — Dominican; Catherine McLellan, now Sister Mary Osmund — St. Joseph Order; Josephine O'Hanley, now Sister Mary Rozella — Dominican Order; Jeanette Mack, now Sister Mary Estelle— Dominican; Catherine Mack, now Sister Mary Sabina—Dominican; Mamie McIntosh, now Sister Mary Rosanne — Dominican; Mary Decker, now Sister Mary Carmel—Dominican; and Virginia Weber, now Sister Alma Virginia of the Maryknoll Sisters.

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Unionville St. Joseph Made a Parish in 1957

UNIONVILLE—Of the religious groups now existing in Unionville, St. Joseph's congregation was the last one to receive its status.

Fr. Peter A. Pijnappels
Present Pastor

The village, incorporated April 1, 1879, took its beginnings in 1854 when the earliest settlers moved into the area, then a mixture of swamp and forest.

Several Protestant churches were firmly established when Catholics, mainly of Austrian and Flemmish extraction, took up residence in Unionville. They went to church in Sebewaing until Father Aloysius P. Hafner, then pastor of St. Mary's of Sebewaing, took the initiative of providing Unionville with its own Catholic church.

For this purpose a lot, adjoining the M-25, was purchased from the Sebewaing Motor Sales Co. and plans were drawn up by Joseph C. Goddeyne of Bay City.

Construction, begun in February, 1940, was completed by June 18, 1940, when Bishop Murphy dedicated the new church under the title of St. Joseph.

The first financial report, presented to the Mission in July 1940, mentions that the cost of the church, including the lot and the church furnishings, amounted to $8,300.77 and that the new congregation, counting between 40 and 50 families with an income, was in debt for $6,000.

The Mission remained attached to St. Mary's of Sebewaing.

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Resident Pastor Named

THE SUBSEQUENT growth proved that the Catholics of Unionville were pleased with their church.

On Oct. 20, 1950, under the administration of Father R. C. Cahill, 3½ acres of land adjoining the church, were purchased to provide for parking space and future expansion.

At this time also the plan matured to give the mission its own cemetery. For this purpose about three acres of land were bought on July 30, 1951.

The untimely death of Father Cahill prevented him from developing the Cemetery. A great deal of work was done on the cemetery under the leadership of Father Richard L. Rabideau in 1954, which was also the year of the first burial.

St. Joseph's congregation **achieved canonical maturity when with the installation of its first resident pastor, Father Peter A. Pijnappels, on Sept. 12, 1957, it was raised to the status of a parish.**

The pastor moved into the house that was included in the land purchased under Father Cahill, and the parishioners exerted themselves to supply the necessary furnishings.

It was a great blessing for the young parish when, in November, 1957, the Dominican Sisters of St. Norbert's, Munger, were willing to conduct the catechism classes for the grade school children.

Their work of charity was in September, 1958 taken over by the Sisters of Charity of St. James, Bay City, and the parish gratefully availed itself of the permission to use the facilities of the Unionville Community school for the catechism classes.

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New Rectory Built

IN THE YEARS 1958 and 1959 several improvements were made in the church and cemetery. Plans for a new rectory were officially approved on March 5, 1959.

Construction began March 30, 1959 and on June 21, 1959 the

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Unionville St. Joseph Church (upper photo) and Rectory.

Spiritual Formation Stressed in Parish Life at St. Joseph's

ARGYLE—Ten pastors have served St. Joseph parish in the 60 years. Fr. Joseph Dudek had rallied the people to construct a new church in 1939. Fr. William Flannery with his oratorical powers had deepened the faith of the people in his decade of service (1942-1952).

Fr. Norman VanPoppelen, rallied the men of the parish to construct the hall in 1953. Dozens of willing hands dug the footings, mixed the concrete and mortar, laid the blocks, set up the walls and roof, and painted the interior in time for the first annual fall dinner in 1953.

Willing women have prepared the meal for the past decade.

St. Joseph Hall is now used as a catechetical and cultural center. Adrian Dominicans from St. John, Ubly, assist the pastor both during the summer school and during the school year on Saturdays.

Men as well as women conduct their meetings in St. Joseph's Hall (44' by 77') which was constructed for $25,000.

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Spiritual Formation

THE SPIRITUAL formation of the parishioners was further crystallized by missionary priests who have conducted missions; preached during the 40 Hours; and have assisted the pastor during the seasons of Easter and Christmas.

Fr. VanPoppelen led 40 converts into the Church during his seven years. He also inspired the women to sponsor a new altar, furnishings, and carpeting for the entire sanctuary in 1957. He also renovated the electrical and heating facilities of the rectory.

He also was co-director of the Diocesan Rural Life Program. Bishop Woznicki appointed Fr. VanPoppelen as first pastor of the new St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Bay City on Sept. 29, 1959.

Fr. Arthur C. Mulka became Argyle's ninth pastor on Sept. 28, 1959. He made the altar the center of the people's worship. The Liturgy became the holy work of the people. The sacramentals, processions and blessings permeated the parish life.

The men led their sons and daughters in singing and processions. The children renewed their pledge of obedience while married couples renewed their nuptial vows.

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Thanksgiving Rite

THE NEW PASTOR found 990 Catholics among 4500 people in the 120 miles of the parish and mission limits. The census stimulated reconciliations with the Church and convert instructions.

Fr. Joseph D. Ryan
Present Pastor

On Thanksgiving day, 1960, the Bishop stimulated the faith of the the people by coming to bless the harvest and baskets of food.

This rural life project was allied to the summer project of caring for the Mexican workers. John Eckenswiller, a seminary student in St. John's, Plymouth, recruited lay help in transporting these Catholics to Mass and supplying them with recreation on the parish field.

This young man also promoted the cultural and social interests of parishioners with ball games and songfests.

St. Joseph's material improvements for the past three years included complete landscape renovation with new lawns, floral gardens and patterns; the parking lot (100' by 200') was surfaced in 1960, and the rectory kitchen was remodeled along with the painting of rooms by volunteers from the parish.

Fr. Joseph D. Ryan was installed as pastor on June 14, 1963.

The growth of St. Joseph parish has been slow but steady for the past two decades. Families numbered 100 when the church was completed in 1940. There were 105 families a decade ago and now St. Joseph numbers 115 families and 450 souls.

The 10th pastor, Fr. Joseph D. Ryan, was assigned to St. Joseph Parish on June 14, 1963.

Ask More Catholic Schools in Hungary

VIENNA, (NC) — Church authorities in communist-ruled Hungary are negotiating with government officials for permission to increase the number of Catholic high schools there, it has been reported here.

The negotiations follow a large increase in the number of applications for places in the eight Catholic high schools now operating in that country, reports said.

MEANWHILE, for the first time since the Communist party came to power in Hungary following World War II, graduates of Catholic high schools are being permitted to enter state universities following protests by Catholic parents who charged their children were being discriminated against, the reports stated.

Sheridan

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Present Pastor Named

ON DEC. 14, 1934 Bishop Michael J. Gallagher appointed Rev. Edward R. Werm, Ph.D. pastor of Sheridan parish, and the mission of Cass City.

Vacation schools were organized for the instruction of the children in Sheridan, Cass City and Rescue.

Additional ground was acquired for parish purposes: In 1939 eight acres for cemetery and other uses; and in 1940 two acres were bought so that the parish would own the land under the parish hall and for parking. The Highway Department in completing M-53, donated a huge amount of fill greatly improving the appearance of the church grounds and cemetery addition.

In 1942 the church interior was extensively altered and redecorated. New electrical fixtures were added the following year.

In 1943 St. Pancratius mission at Cass City was detached from Sheridan, to become a parish, with Wilmot as a mission.

Throughout the years the Altar Society (and later the Christian Mothers), under the leadership of it's president, raised funds for many aquisitions and improvements.

In 1956 the Altar Society's scope of action and prayer was greatly increased until it emerged from a reorganization as the Christian Mothers Confraternity. Nearly every woman in the parish is a member and the meetings are well attended.

In 1954 the ushers were reorganized with the young men of the parish providing the membership. Besides ushering and collecting, the club sponsors contributions to the needs of the parish.

In 1955 Father Cornelius McEachin blessed the statue of the Blessed Virgin erected as a shrine in front of the church and facing the highway. The statue of white marble was imported from Italy and was donated by Father McEachin in memory of his parents, John and Isabel McEachin.

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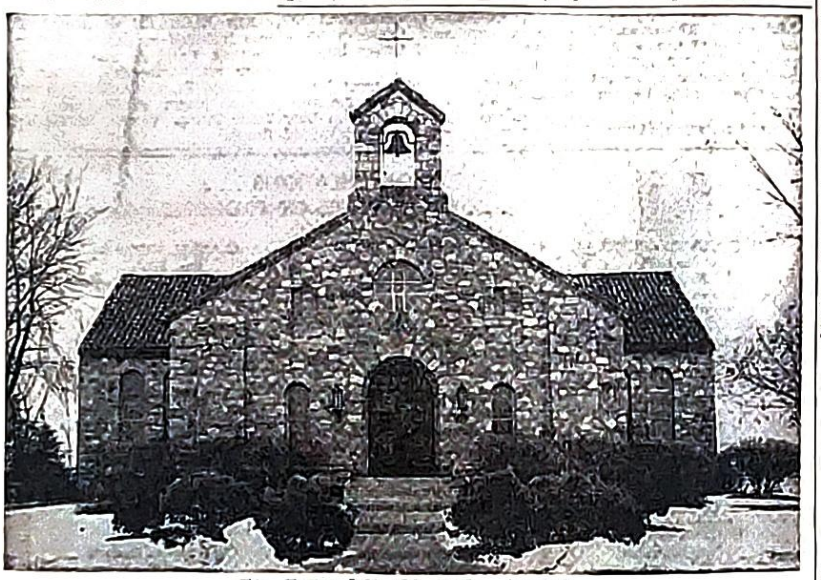
Parish Instruction Program

DURING THE past 27 years the parish has been enriched by the teaching and inspiration given by the sisters from the neighboring parishes. The Dominican nuns from Bad Axe taught the children weekly and also conducted vacation schools in the summer for several years. In the past 12 years, the instruction has been given by the Felician sisters from Parisville, who also have aided in affairs in which the young people have participated. At the time when St. Pancratius of Cass City was a mission to Sheridan, the Felician Sisters conducted the vacation school stations there.

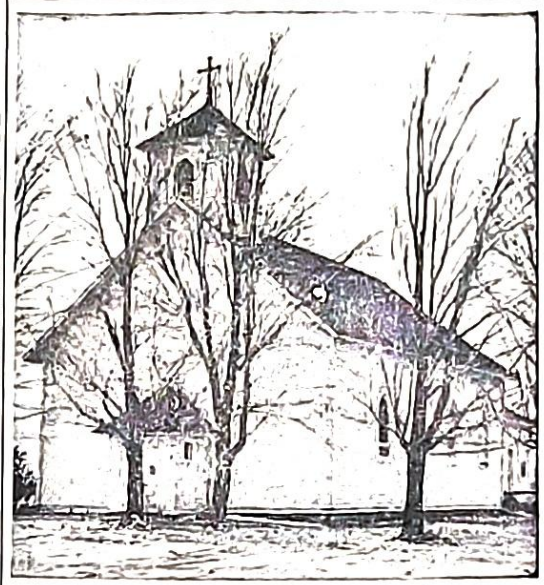
On December 6, 1959 the parish commemorated the pastor's 25 years of service with a dinner, program and purse.

On May 29, 1960, a Solemn High Mass, in the presence of Bishop Woznicki, was celebrated by the pastor, assisted by Father John McMillian, Father Cornelius McEachin, and clergy, to commemorate the 50 years of the existence of St. Columbkille as a parish and the hundred years marking the settlement of this area by Scotch Catholics.

The young people gave a program depicting incidents in the history of the parish.



St. Joseph's Church, Argyle



St. Ignatius Church, Austin

St. Ignatius Mission Now Has 80 Catholic Families

AUSTIN—St. Ignatius church, Austin Township, Sanilac County, is located 30 miles south and 15 miles west of Lake Huron in the Thumb district of Michigan.

Although settlers have been in the territory for a century, St. Ignatius did not have a church until 1890. Maurice Clifford, who donated the present church property, was the pioneer settler and carpenter who supervised the construction of the church.

His daughter, Elizabeth, Mrs. Daniel Ryan, has written this living testimony:

"As our house was the largest in the parish. . Mass was said in our house. My father made the altar and confessional which was stored in our house . . The church first had a large steeple which could be seen from Argyle but the spire became unsafe and had to be replaced."

The cemetery, serving both St. Ignatius congregation and St. Joseph, Argyle, is situated on a steep hill in Austin township one mile southwest of the mission church.

The men of both congregations worked perseveringly for two summers to landscape and beautify the cemetery under the supervision of Fr. Norman VanPoppelen.

Leo Slepka, the caretaker, is now ably assisted by the seminarian, Michael Quigg. The Cemetery Committee contemplates erecting a tall cross that will overlook both congregations.

A well will be dug to provide water for the living who carefully beautify the plots of 525 buried in this Catholic cemetery.

ST IGNATIUS congregation numbered approximately 50 families for almost a half century.

In 1952, there were 60 families and now there are 80 families and 325 souls.

William O'Shea is the only seminarian of St. Ignatius. During the past decade two pastors served St. Ignatius Church: Fr. Norman VanPoppelen for seven years; and Fr. Arthur Mulka for the last three years.

Unionville

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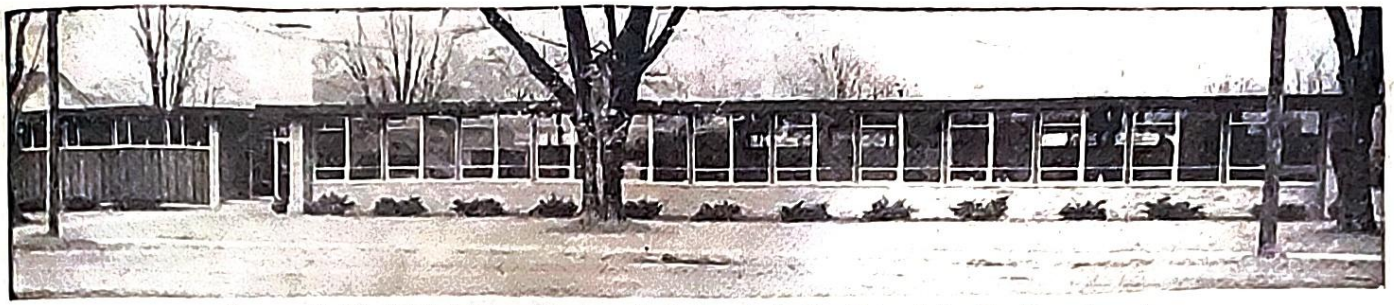
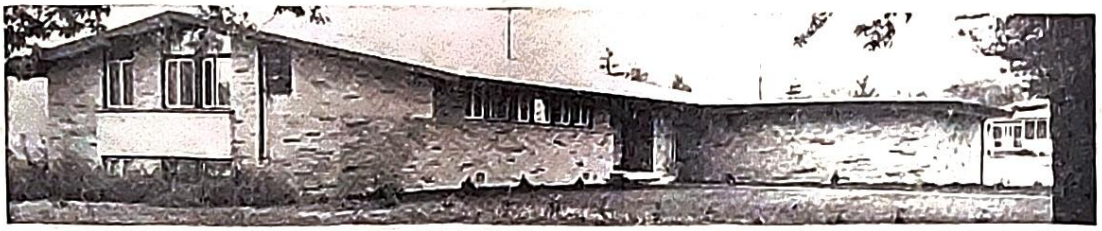
new rectory was ready for occupancy.

St. Joseph parish counts 120 families. It has an active Holy Name society and Altar society. The Holy Name society was erected Jan. 5, 1958 whilst the Altar society was affiliated with the Archconfraternity of Christian Mothers on Jan. 20, 1958.



Croswell St. Patrick's---First and Only Catholic School in Sanilac County



St. Patrick's Rectory, Croswell

St. John Church Altar, Peck

Church Remodeling Completed at Peck–

School Opening Highlight of Past Decade at Croswell

FATHERS LEO Skornia and John Debski left the people of Croswell and Peck, and host of friends in June 1953 after about three years of zealous labor. Recognizing their abilities, Bishop Woznicki assigned them to other fields in the vineyard of Christ where their administrative and priestly zeal could be used to better advantage.

Fr. Cornelius N. McEachin came to replace them as pastor of both places on June 23, 1953. Previously he had served as assistant pastor of St. Brigid Church, Midland.

Fr. Richard C. Ratajczak
Present Pastor

The history of St. Patrick parish from that time to the present is largely the history of starting a parish school.

In the spring of 1954 Bishop Woznicki directed that an elementary school should be built in Croswell to serve the spiritual needs of the children in the Croswell and Lexington areas.

Immediately following this directive additional property was acquired, and in January, 1955, the parishioners rejoiced when the Sisters of St. Joseph, Nazareth, Mich., promised to staff the school when completed.

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Shrine Blessed

WHILE THE school was in its planning stage a happy event took place in the life of St. Patrick parish.

On July 13, 1958 Bishop Woznicki blessed a beautiful shrine in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe on the parish grounds. It was a gift of Miss Gertrude Johnson in memory of her deceased parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Johnson.

St. Patrick school was built during the winter months of 1958-1959. In August 1959 the people saw the reward of their sacrifices realized; three Sisters of St. Joseph arrived to open their school the following month.

Mother M. Theresina, S.S.J. was appointed the first principal. On May 22, 1960 Bishop Woznicki dedicated the school —the first of its kind in Sanilac County.

Another occasion of great joy for the parish was the ordination to the Sacred Priesthood of Fr. Anthony P. Bolman, a native son, on May 29, 1960. He offered his First Solemn Mass in St. Patrick Church on June 5, 1960.

But the completion of their new school did not solve the building problems of St. Patrick's parishioners. Counting on their continued zeal and generosity Bishop Woznicki ordered them to proceed with plans and specifications for a new rectory, and preliminary plans for a new Church. Again this meant additional property was needed.

Within a few months this property was acquired and the people of St. Patrick's thus became the owners of more than 12 acres of land. Building was started immediately and they proudly saw their new rectory completed in December, 1962. Now it is their fervent prayer that Almighty God will bless them with a new Church in the near future.

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Renovation of Peck

ST. JOHN Mission, Peck, is still attached to St. Patrick Church, Croswell.

During the last 10 years these good people have been carrying on the noble work begun by their zealous pastors of former years.

The Church remodeling job has been completed. A new main altar, communion rail, and pews have been installed in the Church.

Three more acres of land has been purchased to serve as a parking lot and future building site.

These accomplishments have been achieved by the generous sacrifices of these people as they anxiously await the arrival of their first resident pastor.

FR. RICHARD C. Ratajczak was installed as pastor of Croswell St. Patrick's and Peck St. John on Wednesday, March 6, replacing Fr. McEachin who was named pastor of Our Lady of Lake Huron parish in Harbor Beach.

Carrollton

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regularly, the sacraments were administered, the people were instructed and the dynamo of God's grace was in evidence.

One of the Good Fridays was the depression in the late 20s and early 30s. Because of the depression and shortage of priests, Bishop Pinten decided to close the Zilwaukee mission in July, 1931. Again the indomitable faith of the people came to the fore. A committee from Zilwaukee pleaded with Bishop Pinten in Grand Rapids and the Bishop finally agreed to reopen the church, it having been closed for six weeks.

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Mission Burns

ST. MATTHEWS also tasted the ravages of a fire. Their mission church burned to the ground on December 3, 1944. Under the capable leadership of its then present pastor, Father Robert E. Fitzpatrick, a new church and rectory were built in 1949.

This marked an historical event in the two parishes. Bishop Murphy established St. Matthew's as a territorial parish. Fr. Eugene A. Forbes was appointed administrator of the new parish while serving as the Chancellor of the Diocese of Saginaw, and was named its first pastor by Bishop Woznicki on Sept. 4, 1950.

St. John the Baptist parish continued for the next ten years under three pastors: Father Thomas R. Horton from September, 1950, until July, 1953; Father Thomas G. Brennan from July 22, 1953, until May, 1959; and Father Michael L. Maher from May 13, 1959, until the present day.

The goal of all three of these priests has been the erection of a parochial school. The biggest deterent the past several years has been the shortage of teaching Sisters to staff the school.

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25 GOOD YEARS

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Building of School, Convent Marked Past Decade at Ubly

UBLY—Alfred Pagett of Ubley, England, founded the village of Ubly in 1872. His corner general store was nestled between beech and maple grove on one side while a crystal stream graced the other side. "Pagett Corners" became Ubley when Pagett became postmaster. This original settler's suggestion of naming the crossroads after his birthplace in England became official but Northwestern R. R. station (1881) carried the name Ubly. Thus the villagers adapted the mistaken spelling even today.

St. John the Evangelist was organized as a parish by a few pioneering families; namely, John Fordon, Joseph Deachin, Dennis O'Connell, Michael and Thomas Murphey, Harry Hill and others who cooperated with Fr. Ternes in the construction of the first church in 1887.

Pioneering priests who worked for the scattered flock included Fathers: Roach, T. C. Krebs, Burke and Hennigen.

Father Francis Baweja became the first resident pastor. He supervised the construction of the present rectory and extension of the church. Other priests who served St. John's included Fathers: Michael Barnett, John Martin, Bernard Jarzebowski, Vincent Balcer, Joseph Nowaczyk and Edward Miotke.

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Fr. Kilar's Pastorate

FATHER STANLEY A. Kilar became Ubly's eighth pastor in 1939. In his 22-year tenure St. John's experienced a remarkable spiritual and temporal growth. Father Kilar's first accomplishment was a new church that was completed in 1940.

Bishop Murphy dedicated the Gothic edifice.

St. John church seats 525 people and is located on M-19 which runs through the village.

Although Fr. Kilar preached in both Polish and English for nine years, the former was discontinued on June 8, 1947.

Fr. Zygmunt I. Gaj
Present Pastor

Bishop Woznicki asked the pastor and people to build a four-classroom school. The Adrian Dominican Sisters promised to send four Sisters in September, 1954.

Walter J. Rozycki of Detroit completed the school plans in 1953. Nicholas Bombach of Bad Axe submitted the lowest construction bid of $65,000.

Monsignor Charles A. Roark, pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Bad Axe, and Dean of the Thumb, blessed the cornerstone on Sunday, Nov. 8, 1953.

On Aug. 11, 1954, four Adrian Dominicans arrived to teach in the new school. Sister Francis Paul, superior, Sister Mary Diana, Sister Joan Annette and Sister James Marguarite were accommodated in a temporary convent.

This reconverted frame house was purchased for $13,000 and was located east of the church. Lack of school equipment delayed the school's opening until Oct. 4, 1954.

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Dedicated in 1954

THE FOUR Sisters taught 154 children of the eight grades that first year.

Bishop Woznicki, assisted by 28 priests, blessed St. John's grade school on Sunday, Oct. 10, 1954. Over 50 Sisters and hundreds of parishioners witnessed the solemn blessing. Msgr. Jerome V. MacEachin, the parish's only priestly vocation, delivered the sermon.

The pastor and the Church Committee formulated a minimum $300 a family contribution to be given in three years to pay for the new school and temporary convent.

Tragedy struck two St. John's pupils, Frederick and Carl Swanson, the first year of the school operation. An auto accident took their lives and the lives of their mothers and three other children of the family on Sunday, Nov. 14, 1964.

St. John's enrollment increased from 154 in 1954 to 201 the following year. The record enrollment was 217 children in 1958. Present number of pupils hovers about the 210 figure.

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Convent Built

BISHOP WOZNICKI approved the pastor's plans for a new convent in December, 1956. Father Kilar, the pastor personally designed the convent and engaged Martin Fisher as the general contractor.

St. John Convent is an L-shape structure which contains rooms for five sisters with kitchen, utility room, office and reception room. The spacious living room affords the sisters pleasant relaxation while the chapel wells the structure into a place of prayer.

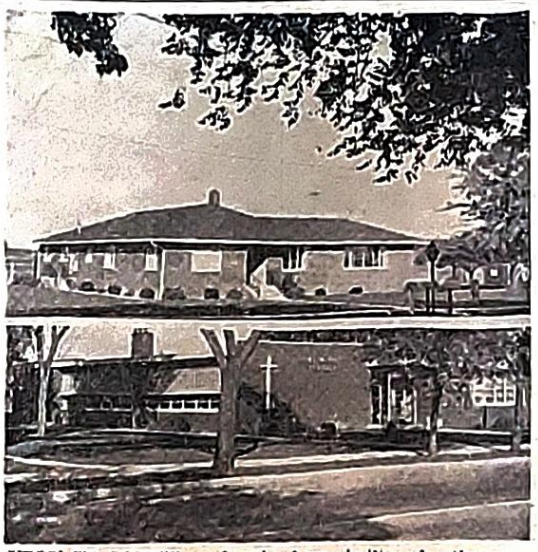
The full basement affords room for work and recreation besides the storage and heating units. St. John's Convent was begun in April, 1957, and finished four months later for $28,000.

Bishop Woznicki transferred Fr. Kilar to St. Denis, Lexington, on Aug. 30, 1960.

MONSIGNOR Roark installed Fr. Zygmunt I. Gaj as St. John's ninth pastor on Aug. 31, 1960, in the presence of 25 priests and 350 parishioners.

During Father Gaj's pastorate, St. John church and rectory were redecorated.

The purchase of six acres west of the present property has been completed. The purchase of visual-aids for the school, including four TV sets, was also attained.



UBLY ST. JOHN'S grade school was built under the pastorate of Father Stanley A. Kilar in 1954. Its construction is matched in St. John's convent.

New Church on a New Site for Catholics of Port Sanilac Area

PORT SANILAC—The history of St. Mary's parish has its roots deep in the early settlement of Sanilac county. The first white settlers arrived in 1833 and by 1850 there were records of Catholics in the area. Priests usually came from Detroit or Port Huron to take care of the spiritual needs of the Catholic settlers.

These for the most part were of Irish extraction.

The first recorded Mass offered in the parish was on May 10, 1854, in the William Griffith home. The first church to serve the Catholics of Sanilac was St. Mary's built in 1864 on a three-acre site about three and a half miles west of the shore on what is now State Highway M-46. The land was donated as early as 1853 by John Mullen one of the pioneer Irish families.

Father Van Den Driessche the missionary assigned to the Sanilac district was chiefly responsible for this first church.

In 1884 the church was enlarged and for years was the largest church edifice in Sanilac county. In 1870 the church was served out of St. Denis, Lexington, which at that time had a resident pastor. Later St. Mary's became attached to St. Patrick's, Croswell in 1890 and was one of its missions until the founding of the parish in 1915.

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Parish Created

A NEW PAGE in the history began when Bishop Murphy instructed Father Herbert T. Zacharias to form a parish at Sanilac and appointed him the first pastor.

Fr. Mason L. Vaughn
Present Pastor

It should be noted that although the church is referred to as St. Mary's of Port Sanilac that for years it was officially St. Mary's of Carsonville since that was the

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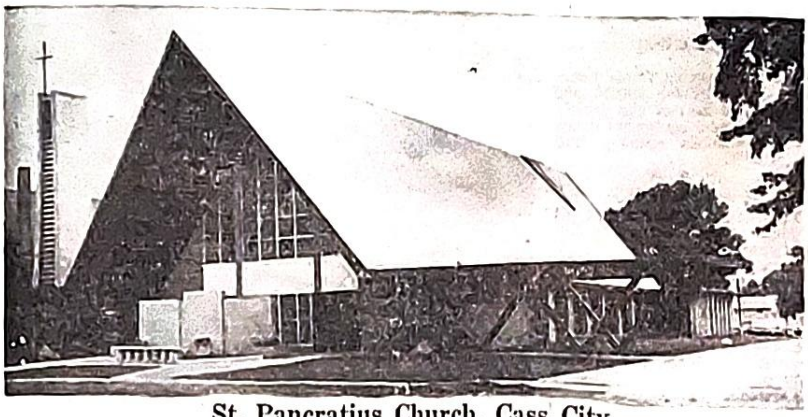
Port Sanilac St. Mary's Church and Rectory Today

Modern New Church for Cass City



St. Pancratius Church, Cass City

CASS CITY—Father John J. Bozek never fully recovered from a heart attack which he suffered in 1950. Although he was happy to be back on the job six months later he became sick again in 1954. During this illness Fr. Bernard Kirchman was appointed the administrator of St. Pancratius parish.

On Dec. 30, 1955, Fr. Bozek, the first resident pastor of St. Pancratius, died. His untimely death brought sadness to the hearts of the parishioners as well as to many non-Catholic people of Cass City. His 13-year pastorate will not soon be forgotten, however, as it was filled with countless hours of prayer, hard work, and sacrifice.

Today in 1963 we are still reaping the harvest of his work and we are grateful to him.

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'New Look' Develops

IN 1956, Bishop Woznicki appointed Fr. Isidore J. Mikulski to succeed Father Bozek. We might say that St. Pancratius Parish began to take on a new look during his 3.5 year pastorate.

Shortly after his appointment, Fr. Mike, as he was affectionately called, began laying the ground work for a new church. The first step was to buy more property and a rectory nearer the church.

Thus in 1958 two houses and four lots were purchased. A large house and two lots were bought from Doug and Ann Krug. The house was refurnished, two modern and spacious offices and a double garage were added to the house. These improvements and additions have made the present rectory a very pleasant place as a pastor's residence.

Two additional lots adjacent to the Krug property were purchased from Herbert and Grace Bartle. A house on this property was sold and removed. These new additions gave St. Pancratius Parish a total of eight city lots.

Soon plans were started for a new church. A successful fund raising campaign was an important step toward realizing the new church in Cass City.

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Fr. Messing Appointed

THROUGH THE efforts and leadership of Father Mikulski steady progress was shown both spiritually and materially in St. Pancratius parish. But the pastorate of Father Mikulski at Cass City ended much sooner than was anticipated, as he was appointed to succeed Father Elmer J. Betzing at Sacred Heart Parish, Caro, in October, 1959.

In this same month, Fr. Guido Gori, assistant at Saginaw SS. Peter and Paul, was appointed to succeed Father Mikulski. Because the number of Catholic families in Cass City had increased so by that time, it was necessary that Father Gori say three Masses every Sunday. For reasons of health Father Gori resigned in August of 1960.

On Aug. 24, 1960, Fr. Arnold A. Messing, the present pastor, was appointed to succeed Father Gori. He was installed as pastor by Msgr. Charles A. Bonk, dean of the Thumb Deanery and pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Bad Axe.

Owing to the poor health of Fr. Gori during the last part of his pastorate, the plans for a new church had been temporarily suspended. Under the administra-

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Father Arnold A. Messing
Present Pastor

People of Many Nationalities Now Served by Palms St. Patrick

PALMS—The first priest to visit the vicinity of Palms was Father Lawrence Kilroy who came about once a year beginning with 1852 from St. Clair.

In 1855 the parish of St. Patrick's was established. The name was a natural since all the people were of Irish descent.

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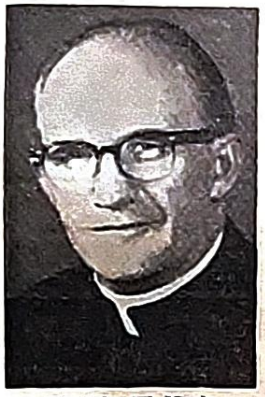
Log Church Built

THE FIRST church was made of logs and built a few years after the settlement was made.



Fr. John W. Nagle

Mass was celebrated on Fridays. Most of the people lived south of Minden, near Cedardale. When the railroad was put through in 1881, Francis Palms, after whom the town was named, promoted the railroad intersection at Palms.

The railroad ran first from Port Huron to Harbor Beach. In 1882 it was extended west and north to Bad Axe and Saginaw.

After the parish was established, Father Laugel of Ruth took care of it. Around 1870 a frame church about 28 x 40 was erected. It burned in 1898. But in 1894, the first resident pastor, Fr. Anthony Burke was appointed. Since Palms was the site of the railroad depot and facilitated departure to other parts of the diocese, the rectory was built in Palms. At this time Father Burke had charge of Argyle, Frelburg, and Bad Axe.

The actual date of his coming was July 12, 1894, an unusual day for an appointment to St. Patrick's Church, it being Orangemen's Day.

The church was begun in the spring of 1899 and opened for Christmas.

Father Burke was succeeded by Fr. Edmund Quaid on April 26, 1908. Fr. Quaid remained until his appointment to the then new Sacred Heart Seminary, Detroit, in September, 1926.

Father A. J. George succeeded him during this time, the rectory was remodeled. He remained until January, 1938, when he was transferred to St. Joseph's, Wyandotte.

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Part of New Diocese

FATHER ANTHONY Busuttil was appointed to succeed him. It was at this time the Diocese of Saginaw was established under Most Rev. William F. Murphy, D.D., and from this time Palms was in that Diocese. Fr. Busuttil renovated and decorated the Church. He remained until August, 1947.

Father Cornelius Bates was appointed administrator in September, 1948 and left in February, 1949.

Father Michael Wolf was administrator until June 1950.

Fr. Kyran McGinn was transferred here from Gladwin. He remained until September, 1951.

Fr. Francis J. Piaskowski remained here until Jan. 27, 1952, when he was succeeded by Father John W. Nagle, present pastor, on Jan. 29, 1952.

During recent years, new heating systems have been installed in both the church and the rectory and the church has been completely refurnished. A new pipe organ was installed. The original steeple was replaced by one of modern design, and a paved parking lot was completed.

What began as a strictly Irish parish is now composed of a number of other nationalities.

During the time of Fr. Quaid a mission church was started in Deckerville, which is part of the

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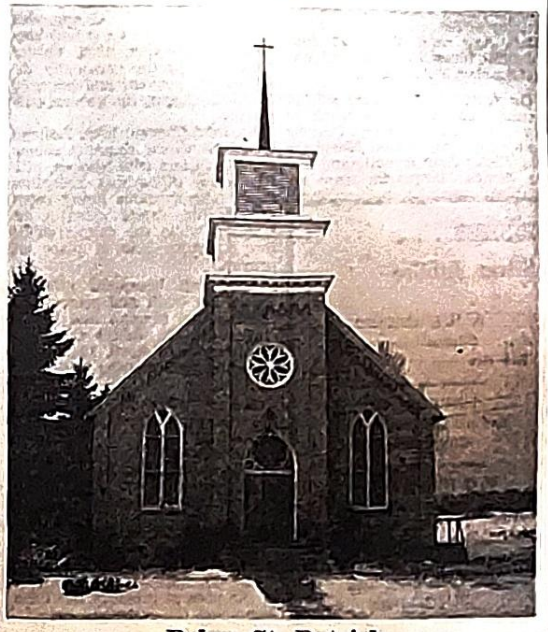

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FIRST OF ITS kind this side of Detroit is the unique concrete and steel roof of Sacred Heart church, Caro. Some 1,150,000 pounds of concrete were poured Nov. 1 for 20 hours. Completion is scheduled for Christmas of 1963.

First Mass in New Church Planned for Christmas, 1963

CARO—Fr. Clemens T. Krebs began first Catholic services in a private home in Caro about 85 years ago. Shortly after a three-year lease was obtained on the C. A. Young building in downtown Caro with services being held at that location starting Sept. 1, 1879.

Fr. Krebs, resident pastor of Gagetown St. Agatha's parish, at this time was actively developing missions in Reese, Sebewaing, Sheridan and Caro.

Church trustees, for the Caro parish, carrying through to January 1880, were Joseph St. Mary, T. C. Quinn, Patrick Coleman, Daniel Murphy and Simeon Brownell.

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Church Built

IT WAS SOON found that the small Catholic population in the area, expenses of continuing services were insurmountable and Caro people found it necessary to attend services at Reese or Gagetown.

In 1893 Caro was serviced as a mission by Fr. Joseph J. Garey of St. Elizabeth's parish in Reese.

Through the tireless efforts of the Joseph and August Romain families and the Henry and William Petiprin families, plans were formulated and construction completed on our first church in 1902 located at the corner of Frank and Hooper Streets.

Mary Petiprin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Petiprin, was the first child baptized in our new church. The first marriages solemnized were those of Simeon Brownell and Julia Sheridan in 1880 by Fr. Krebs and Manuel LaPratt and Mary Ida Pancy on May 10, 1881.

From 1902 to 1932 Caro parish continued to be a mission of Reese under the pastorates of Fr. J. M. Broknw, Fr. John T. Cook, Fr. Albert Melvin and Fr. P. J. McSherry.

In 1932 Fr. McSherry built the first rectory, Fr. John B. Parker was appointed first resident pastor on Feb. 19, 1933. Because of Fr. Parker's untimely and early death in July 1936, our parish continued under the administratorship of Fr. Hugo Netzel and Fr. Stephen Witliff until Fr. Elmer J. Betzing was appointed our second resident pastor in November, 1936. In 1933 the Caro State Hospital, a mission of Reese, was made a mission of Caro.

Fr. Parker, Fr. Betzing and Fr. Thomas R. Horton cared for the needs of this mission with the sacrament of Confirmation being administered, for the first time at this State Institution, by Most Rev. Stephen S. Woznicki at Murray Hall on June 25, 1950.

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School Built

THE CARO parish grew rapidly in the meantime, and in February, 1950 was proudly able to make plans for a new school under the direction of the following members of the building committee: John Sheridan, Peter Romain, Casimir Gromak, John Graven, Leo LeBlanc, Edmund Sieland, Henry Meyer, Arthur Gelb and Joseph Romain.

Fr. Isidore J. Mikulski
Present Pastor

Construction was commenced and the school was completed for operation in the fall of 1952, staffed by the Sisters of St. Dominic of Adrian.

On June 2, 1951 Fr. Ignatius L. O'Brien, son of Mrs. Frank O'Brien and the late Frank O'Brien, was ordained in St. Mary's Cathedral, Saginaw, by Bishop Wozniekl and offered his first solemn Mass in Sacred Heart Church on June 3, 1951. Fr. O'Brien was the first parish boy to be ordained.

Young ladies of the parish choosing vocations to the religious life are: Sister Mary Angela, O.P., sister of late Mrs. Joseph Romain; Sister Mary Walter, O. P., daughter of Joseph Romain and late Mrs. Romain; Sister Sarah Marie, O.P., daughter of late Mr. and Mrs. William O'Kelly; Sister Florentine, I.H.M., daughter of late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sieland; and Sister Sophia, I.H.M., daughter of late Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Fox.

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Present Pastor

THE PARISH activities are well guided by its various organizations—The Holy Name Society, Altar Society (the first president being Mrs. S. J. Edmunds who is still a member), League of Catholic Women Unit, Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Unit and the newest of all, the Usher's Club.

In September of 1950, Fr. Elmer Betzing, having been pastor for 23 years, was transferred to St. Boniface Church, Bay City, and Fr. I. J. Mikulski was appointed pastor.

A fourth Mass was added on Sundays, with Fr. Robert Duggan coming from Marlette, and later Fr. Peter Pijnappels driving from Unionville each week.

Plans were immediately made for the construction of a new church, and with the permission of the bishop, the firm of Morris, Wesolek, MacMillan of Bay City was engaged.

A highly successful fund drive assured at least half of the total cost of $253,000. Ground was broken in May of 1962, and work begun on the site of the former convent. Church Committee: John Graven, Douglas Williams, Arthur Gelb, E. Sieland, Robert Mc Alpine.

The former rectory had been remodelled to serve as the present convent, and the parish bought the house of Henry Meyer to serve as the rectory.

The first Mass will be celebrated in the new church on Christmas Day, 1963.

Port Austin St. Michael

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was held in the parish auditorium attended by about 200 people who witnessed the ceremony of the burning of the mortgage.

The school children, under the direction of the sisters, gave a fine program depicting events leading up to the building of the school and convent and paying off of the debt.

An extra attraction on the program was Tony Hosang, formerly with the Detroit Police Traffic Safety department, and his trick poodle dogs.

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Vocations

FR. ROBERT Shine celebrated his First Solemn Mass on June 5, 1955.

On July 14, 1957, Fr. Carl Mayes, a native of our parish and now pastor of Holy Family Church, Oglesby, Ill., celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving on the 25th anniversary of his priesthood.

On June 11, 1962, Fr. Gerald Ornowski celebrated his First Solemn Mass. He is a member of the Congregation of Marian Fathers.

Frater Claver, formerly Paul Yaroch of St. Michael's will be ordained very soon as a Capuchin priest.

At present, there are two young men attending Saginaw St. Paul seminary: John Schwedler, and Timothy Finan.

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State of the Parish

THE PARISH is free of debt. It is now a complete parish having a new school, convent, church and rectory remodelled and in good repair.

New pews were installed in church in the spring. Also planned were new furnaces for both the church and rectory.

Church organizations include four circles. These raise funds for the parish.

A very active Parish Council is affiliated with the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. Members meet every first Friday at 2 p.m.

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Present Church Committee

On the Church committee are Theodore Verner, Stanley Yaroch, Leonard Parks, Joseph Ventline and Val Ornowski.

St. John

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Father Brennan purchased 20 acres of land at the northwest part of the parish and this is intended as the future site of the school if this dream is ever realized.

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Instruction Program

IN THE meantime the catechetical instructions of the grade school children continue under the able direction of two sisters of the Mission Sisters of the Holy Ghost, Sister Estelle and Sister Mary Joseph.

At the present time, also, two laymen are teaching classes in religion, Louis Smith and Delmar Dupuis. Seven laymen are taking the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Teachers Training Course at St. Paul Seminary in Saginaw.

The high school children attending public schools receive their religious training at the Central School of Religion in St. Mary's Cathedral school every week.

On the adult level, adult instruction classes are held in the church basement hall. These are intended for the Catholics of the parish and, also, non-Catholics who might be interested in investigating the tenets and teachings of the Catholic Faith.

In all the St. John the Baptist parish gives evidence of being an active and productive cell in the Mystical Body of Christ. She boasts an active St. Anne Society for the women and an active Holy Name Society for the men.

Almighty God at present has blessed the parish with four budding vocations. Two young men, Ronald Gronowski and Gerald Gubody, are studying for the priesthood. One young man, Rickie Guerin, is preparing himself for the Brotherhood, and one young lady, Sheila Smith, is in the convent.

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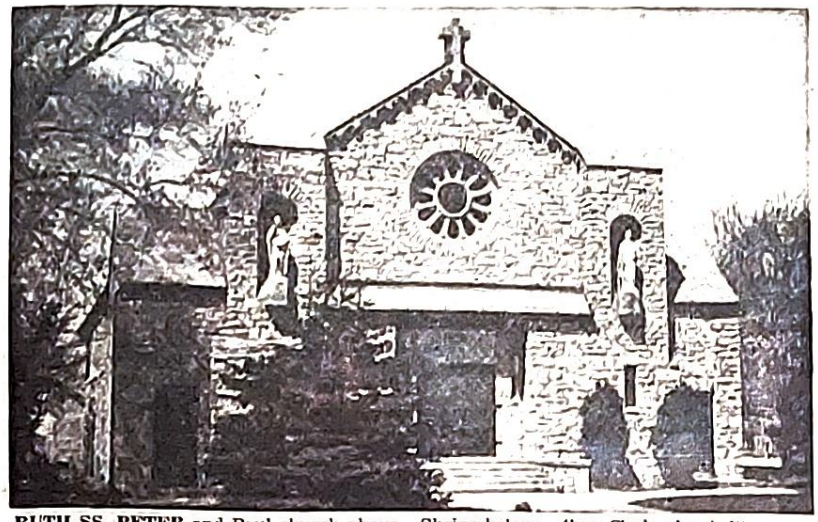
Ruth SS. Peter and Paul Marked Parish Centennial May 10, 1959



RUTH SS. PETER and Paul church above. Shrine below in cemetery marks site of first parish church.

RUTH—Around 1855, the first settlers forced their way, step by step, through the wilderness of Huron County 'til they found a suitable location. These were immigants from Germany. The way was now paved; and more German families followed them in 1856.

Around 1857 a number of settlers moved over from Canada; a group of Westphalian families arrived in 1860 or 1861.

A new Township was formed in 1865.

The township was known as "the German Settlement."

It was the settlement's good fortune that its population was, and remained, solid Catholic. As early as 1856 they built a blockhouse, at the site of the present cemetery, that would serve both as church and as a shelter for a priest. That same year they requested Bishop Lefevre to send them a priest.

The first priest to visit the German Settlement was the Redemptorist Francis Krutil.

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First Pastor

IN THE FALL of 1858 the settlement received its first resident pastor, Father Peter Cluck was incardinated in the Detroit diocese on July 5, 1858. He was sent to Huron County and took up residence in the blockhouse at the German Settlement.

In 1860 Father Cluck sent a report to the Detroit Chancery that covered the condition of his Missions in 1859. In this report appears for the first time the title of the church at the German Settlement; it was dedicated to SS. Peter and Paul.

Msgr. Frank W. Kaufmann
Present Pastor

Much as Father Cluck seemed to have been impressed with his church and residence, soon the church appeared inadequate, due to the arrival of the Westphalians. Conformingly, he made plans for a new church. He traveled through the State and collected 1200 dollars.

The new church was completed and blessed in 1862. Father Cluck also built a new rectory; the building is still preserved; it was sold in 1891 and moved to a site west of the cemetery.

The residence of Father Cluck was interrupted in 1864, but the Mission remained close to his heart. He spent his last years in retirement near it. He died in 1878 and was buried in SS. Peter and Paul Cemetery.

From the time that Father Club left, SS. Peter and Paul was administered from several parishes, mostly however, from St. Mary's of Parisville. The vacant rectory of SS. Peter and Paul served as a welcome refuge to St. Mary's pastors when their rectory and church were destroyed by the forest fires in 1871 and 1881.

In 1881 the old blockhouse was converted into a Catholic school. This marked the beginning of Catholic education at SS. Peter and Paul. The first teacher was Louis Tschirhart.

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Resident Pastor Regained

THE PERIOD of pastoral uncertainty came to an end in 1883 with the appointment of Father Rudolph Marker as resident pastor of SS. Peter and Paul, with his started and uninterrupted series of resident pastors.

A new neighborhood had developed around "Adam's Corner," that vied in importance with the settlement at the County Line. The construction of a railroad increased the activity around Adam's Corner. The railroad built a depot at Michael Ruth's property, the depot received its name from this property, and gradually the name of Ruth replaced the old name Adam's Corner—still in 1885 Father Marker installed a new bell in his church. The northerners kept pressing him to move the site of the parish to Ruth, to which the old settlers, all of them living at or near the County Line, strongly objected.

Fr. Leo R. Gengler
Parish Assistant

The issue was put to a vote at which the Northerners obtained the majority. Promptly, Father Marker went into action, he purchased Campbell's old store and moved it to the site of the present school building. The upper floor was used as a rectory, the main floor as church and school. The church at the County Line was abandoned.

In April of 1890, Father Marker was succeeded by Father George Laugel.

On Nov. 7, 1890, a new church, built on the site of the present church was blessed by Bishop Foley. That same year Father Laugel took up contact with the Dominican Sisters of Adrian. From his bookkeeping it appears that the Sisters took charge over the school from Jan. 1, 1891. In 1892 a new rectory was built.

Father Leo VonMach, appointed Jan. 13, 1910, built the parish hall in 1915, he also started a fund for a new school and rectory. The plans for a new school were all completed under his successor, Father Helten. Construction was, however, halted "on account of dissension in the parish," as Father Helten wrote in his records.

The project was realized under his successor, Father Joseph B. Marshke, appointed Feb. 8, 1924. The new school was blessed by Auxiliary Bishop Plagens on Aug. 20, 1925. The rectory was then moved to a site east of the church and arranged as Sisters' convent. A new rectory was built west of the church.

When he was transferred to Christ the King, in Detroit, on Feb. 1, 1932, he left SS. Peter and Paul with the free possession of a complex of new and worthy buildings. He was succeeded by the present pastor, Msgr. Frank W. Kaufmann.

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Disaster and Re-birth

HARDLY HAD Monsignor become acquainted with the people of the parish and with life as a country pastor when the conflagration that brought total ruin to the parish buildings—church, rectory, school and convent—occurred on April 26, 1933.

Parishioners rallied to the cause with zeal and zest to clear away the charred debris. In the meantime, Mass was said in the parish hall. Construction was so rapid that school was resumed on Sept. 22, and the church was ready to welcome the Babe of Bethlehem at Midnight Mass.

Following the erasure of the parish debt in 1941, other important projects were begun. A bus system was inaugurated. The first year of high school was temporarily housed in the new garage in 1947. The following year the school more than doubled its size by the addition of four large classrooms, a library, commercial room, home economics room, kitchen and cafeteria. The convent was also enlarged.

To make the plant complete, ground was broken for the new gym on July 26, 1950. This gym which has a seating capacity of 1,000 is the largest in the Thumb.

It was the honor of the first graduating class of 1951, to have Bishop Woznicki as the speaker.

But in August of 1958, Father Paul Pelletier became the permanent assistant. In 1958 pew rent was abolished as well as all collections and the people were asked to contribute at least $200 a year. In that year two new school buses were purchased, making it a total of four buses to be owned by the parish.

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Centennial Marked

BISHOP WOZNICKI called Father Kaufmann to Ubly on Oct. 1, 1958, and handed him the document from Rome that elevated him to the rank of Domestic Prelate and bestowed upon him the title of Right Rev. Monsignor.

On Dec. 3, 1958, Monsignor's feast day, he was invested by the Bishop in the robes of his rank. In his address the Bishop informed those present that he sought the honor which had been bestowed upon Monsignor because of his zeal in the performance of his priestly duties and because of work well done.

On May 10, 1959, SS. Peter and Paul parish celebrated its 100th anniversary. Also in May, Father Pelletier was transferred to become pastor at St. Edward's in Kinde.

In May of 1959, Father Roman T. Matuszewski succeeded Father Paul Pelletier. In September of 1960, another new bus was purchased. Father Matuszewski was transferred to St. Casimer's in Saginaw and in August, 1961, was succeeded by Father Leo Gengler as assistant.

In 1962 the heating system was changed from coal to oil in the rectory, school and convent at a cost of over $20,000.

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Religious Vocations

THE HISTORY of the parish would not be complete without the mention of the fact that there have been six vocations to the priesthood and 20 to the sisterhood.

To the list of Fathers Schroeder, Vogel, Buhl, Artman and Messing we now add the name of Father Donald Eppenbrock a member of SS. Peter and Paul parish and Father Raymond Oswald (who attended our high school). In June of 1963 we added the name of Father Elmer Terbrack.

At the present time there are five boys from the parish studying for the Priesthood. There are four young ladies from the parish who have joined the Adrian Dominican Sisters.

In 1962 we sent a son of the parish as the first Brother from the parish to the Precious Blood Order, Patrick Messing and also Raymond Geiger who attended our high school.

Palms

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parish. It was discontinued by Fr. George.

Forestville was also a mission of Palms but is now a mission of Our Lady of Lake Huron, in Harbor Beach.

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Vocations

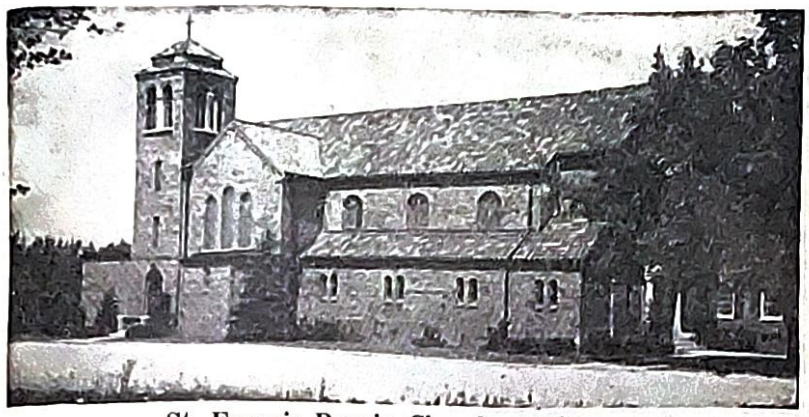
AMONG THE sons of the parish who have dedicated their lives to the service of the Church are Bishop Allen J. Babcock of Grand Rapids, who lived in Palms for some time; Fr. Jeremiah McNamara, S.S.J., who at his death was Rector of Epiphany Seminary for the Josephite Fathers, who work among the colored people in this country; Father Arthur Higgins, who died in Detroit, and his brother Father George Higgins, now pastor of St. Joseph's, Kalamazoo, Lansing diocese a chaplain in World War II.

One of the young ladies of the parish who became a Dominican in Grand Rapids, Mary Frances O'Rourke became the Mother General, as Mother Benedicta.

Seven others became members of the same community. Catherine O'Rourke, Ann O'Rourke, Margaret O'Rourke, Rose and Catherine Deegan, Julia Brophy and Anne McNamara. Emma Muldoon was a Daughter of Charity.

During the last ten years a number of young men have entered the seminary, and one Fr. Raymond C. Oswald, was ordained in June, 1962.

At the present time there are three in the seminary—one in philosophy at Orchard Lake, Mich., another at St. Paul's Seminary, Saginaw, and one with the P.I.M.E. Missionaries in Newark, Ohio.



St. Francis Borgia Church at Pigeon

Intensive Growth Marked in St. Francis Borgia Parish

PIGEON—Seventy years is a life span, and it measures for the village of Pigeon and the surrounding areas the life span of St. Francis Borgia parish.

Beginning with a little wooden church built in 1893 by Fr. Clemens T. B. Krebs, it remained as a mission served by the pastor of neighboring Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary parish in Sebewaing, until Sept. 24, 1911 when it was raised to full parish status by the late Bishop Murphy, with Fr. Aloysius Hafner as the first resident pastor.

Previous to this the superhuman efforts of Fr. Edward Gutha brought about the building of the present Spanish romanesque church edifice, with Andrew R. Morison of Detroit as architect.

Father Gutha is presently pastor of SS. Cornelius and Cyprian parish in Bunker Hill, Mich.

A brick recory of contemporary Georgian style was built by Father Hafner who left his organizational stamp not only on the parish but likewise on many worthwhile community projects. He is now the present pastor of Holy Trinity Parish in Bay City.

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Intensive Growth

FATHER ALPHONSE A. Kromka came to the parish on June 25, 1917. His pastorate of eight full years was characterized by the unglamorous but equally important work of repair and upkeep and modernization of parish buildings.

The mission tile roof on the church had to be completely taken down and replaced. The interior of the church was decorated and an altar and altar screen of liturgical design replaced the baroque "wedding cake" style of the earlier times.

Plumbing and heating was modernized and the parish was left in good order when on April 20th Fr. Bernard J. Kirchman, then the temporary administrator of St. Pancratius, Cass City, was directed by Bishop Woznicki to succeed him.

Fr. Kromka died very tragically on Aug. 9, 1959 in the midst of saying Mass at St. Joseph, West Branch, Michigan.

In reviewing the history of the parish in the last ten years an intensive growth of Catholicism is plainly evident.

The parish history of May 25, 1952 gives a parish census of 87 families; the present census shows a membership of 230 families, a gain of 150 percent.

The territorial lines were changed somewhat by the establishment of St. Roch, Caseville in full parochial status; nevertheless, St. Francis Borgia still takes in over 100 square miles of territory, bounded by the abovementioned St. Roch, Caseville; St. Felix, Pinnebog; Sacred Heart, Bad Axe; St. Columbkille, Sheridan; St. Agatha, Gagetown, and Nativity B.V.M., Sebewaing

Fr. Bernard J. Kirchman
Present Pastor

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Parish Progresses

REPAIRS AND improvements in the parish have been steady and sustained. In 1956 and 1957 the parish hall was rejuvenated and plumbing facilities and necessary electrical modernization was added.

In 1959 a beautiful piece of land was bought adjacent to the public school in Elkton for the future church needs of Elkton. These ten acres were procured through the generous cooperation and Catholic spirit of Joseph Maier and Theresa Maier. They will, when the time is ripe, serve as the central location for yet another parish in the diocese.

In 1961 a lot was obtained across from the rectory and church in Pigeon complete with double garage in order to add to the facilities of the parish and the church parking lot was doubled in capacity.

Finally in 1961 the firm of G. H. Schanbacker of Springfield, Illinois was engaged to redecorate the interior of the Church. The color scheme envisioned the sanctuary and nave in rose, the ceiling in off-white and the decorations in gold-leaf and contrasting colors. Symbolic paintings in oils of the four evangelists highlighted the walls around the altar.

Among the parish societies, foremost in effort stands the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. Working in harmony with the public school board, classrooms are utilized in the Pigeon and Elkton area for the instruction of 160 children of grammar age under the supervision of a staff of 10 dedicated lay women teachers.

The Altar Society has always shown an active interest in church affairs and has been most responsive to parish improvements. Their 1962 officers were Mrs. Joseph Wolfram, Mrs. Willard Schledjeski and Mrs. Martin McGee.

The Church committee for the past year was composed of Dr. E. A. LaMere, Sylvester Abraham, Frank Eisengruber, John G. Bernhardt and William Bond.

We cannot conclude this history of the last decade without pointing to the excellent mission activity in the parish Mexican Apostolate where over 700 migrant laborers are cared for every summer.

Special credit has to be given to the following priests and seminarian for their Christ-like labors. Fr. Francis J. Carroll, Fr. Ernesto Arauco, Fr. Terrence Yule, Fr. Donald Christensen, Fr. Robert Davies, Fr. Julius Spleet and Mr. James Miller.

Legion Condemns 'Women of World'

NEW YORK, (NC) — The National Legion of Decency has condemned as unacceptable for mass entertainment the Italian film, "Women of the World."

The legion, in putting the film in its "C" classification, published this objection:

"THIS FILM, which makes a pretense at being a documentary, is completely unacceptable for mass entertainment because camera angles and editing pruriently concentrate, whenever possible, upon nudity; erotic dancing is sensationally exploited for the purpose of audience titillation; and its accompanying narration is frequently suggestive and even occasionally socially irresponsible."

St. Elizabeth's Secured Parish Cemetery in 1962

MARLETTE—The Church of St. Elizabeth was founded by Bishop Murphy on June 15, 1948. It was named in honor of the cousin of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Fr. Aloysius O'Toole was named its first pastor. First Mass for the parish was offered in the Spitler Hotel on June 20, 1948. At that time the parish had about 63 families.

The property at 2771 Angle street, including the house which serves as the present rectory, was purchased almost immediately.

Through the cooperation of the men of the parish under the inspiring leadership of their new pastor a cinder-block church building with a brick-facing front was erected in a matter of months. The first High Mass was sung in the new church on Dec. 19, 1948.

That Bishop Murphy was well justified in creating this new parish was proved by the first Confirmation, which was conferred by his successor, Bishop Woznicki. On July 27, 1950 some 35 children and 11 adults received the sacrament.

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Parish Groups Help

THE HOLY NAME society, the Rosary Altar society, and the Catholic Women's club, organized by Father O'Toole did much to help the first pastor in the development of the parish.

He was able to pay off the debt on the property and buildings before he was transferred to the pastorate of St. Joseph Church at West Branch.

On Jan. 19, 1952 Father Francis J. Lang was installed as pastor of St. Elizabeth by Father Charles A. Roark. In the well-ordered parish archives a letter from Bishop Woznicki is noted giving Father Lang permission to "expend the sum of $1,500 for the conversion of furnace to oil heat, repair of roof and electrical wiring, and papering and painting of rooms in St. Elizabeth rectory."

Father Lang was transferred to St. Augustine Church, Hillman, on Jan. 14, 1953 to replace the former pastor, Father Harry J. Hart, who became the new pastor of St. Elizabeth, and was installed on the same date by Monsignor Roark.

Although the pastorate of Father Hart was cut short by sickness, among the many items noted in his active administration were these included in the official "permission to purchase an electric stove, water heater, and washing machine," as of Feb. 13, 1953, and "to remodel the basement of St. Elizabeth rectory."

It is also noted that on March

Fr. Robert J. Duggan
Present Pastor

5, 1953 that the Chancery Office gave him permission to hold the Easter Vigil Service in St. Elizabeth church.

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Property Bought

AS OF MARCH 1, 1954 Fr. Hart resigned as pastor for reasons of health. On the same day Fr. Francis J. Murray was installed by Msgr. Roark.

Abbreviating the accomplishments of Father Murray the records indicate that an addition of a sacristy, furnace room and toilet facilities were added to the church building in 1955. The church interior was redecorated, the first Mission held, a Charter in the Archconfraternity obtained, and $14,000 was pledged to St. Paul seminary in 1956.

In 1958 the parish was enrolled in the Apostleship of Prayer and the League of the Sacred Heart and the homes were enthroned to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

On April 15, 1959 Fr. Murray was transferred to become the pastor of Sacred Heart parish in Birch Run.

On the same day Fr. Robert J. Duggan was installed as pastor of St. Elizabeth Church by Msgr. Roark.

Permission from the Bishop was obtained to purchase new property on West Marlette street for a larger location for the proposed new church and rectory.

Charles M. Valentine Associates was engaged to draw up preliminary plans and sketches for these new buildings.

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Cemetery Secured

ON JUNE 22, 1960 the St. Elizabeth-Marlette Credit Union was

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Marlette St. Elizabeth's

Vassar, Millington Move Ahead

IN APRIL OF 1929, Father Patrick McSherry of St. Elizabeth in Reese received a letter from the businessmen of Vassar requesting him to establish a mission in Vassar. They promised their cooperation and aid in this endeavor.

This letter was presented to the Bishop of Detroit, the Most Rev. Michael Gallagher, for his approval. Within a few weeks Fr. McSherry began saying Mass in Vassar.

Mass was first said in the home of Joseph Archambeau, which is now the American Legion hall.

Masses were said here for about three months. Then, permission was obtained to say Mass in the auditorium of the public high school. This arrangement continued for four months.

In January of 1930, Fr. McSherry purchased a large brick building on the site of what is now the Central School parking lot. This house, after the inside partitions were torn out, was used as a church until 1948.

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Given Parish Status

FROM 1930 to 1933 Fr. McSherry looked after the mission of Vassar.

For a little more than a year, from 1933 to 1934, Fr. William

Pipp, brother of ex-major league baseball player, Wally Pipp, served as administrator.

In 1934 Fr. James Frawley took over the pastoral duties of St. Elizabeth's and with them the duties of the mission at Vassar. He organized such groups as the choir, religious education for school children, Altar Society, Holy Name Society, and others.

Father Neil O'Connor succeeded Fr. Frawley in 1941, and under his leadership the present church edifices in Millington and Vassar were erected.

The church in Vassar was named St. Frances Xavier Cabrini and the one in Millington was given the name of St. Bernard.

After this building had been completed, Father Norman Van Poppelen, who had been an assistant in Reese until this time, became the first resident pastor in the new parish of Vassar with its mission of St. Bernard in Millington.

This territory includes Tuscola, Arbela, and Watertown townships and parts of Juniata, Fremont, and Denmark townships as well as Vassar and Millington.

Living quarters for the pastor

St. Patrick

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been appointed consisting of the pastor and two members of the parish, Everett Kennedy and John J. Ryan.

The Committee inaugurated a program of endowment care for the cemetery upkeep in 1958.

Letters explaining the need for this program were mailed to all lot owners or their survivors. All money contributed is put on deposit and the interest only used for upkeep.

Each year more work is done on the cemetery to make it a worthy resting place for the deceased.

was the house on the northeast corner of Division and Maple Streets until the present rectory was built in 1954.

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Facilities Improved

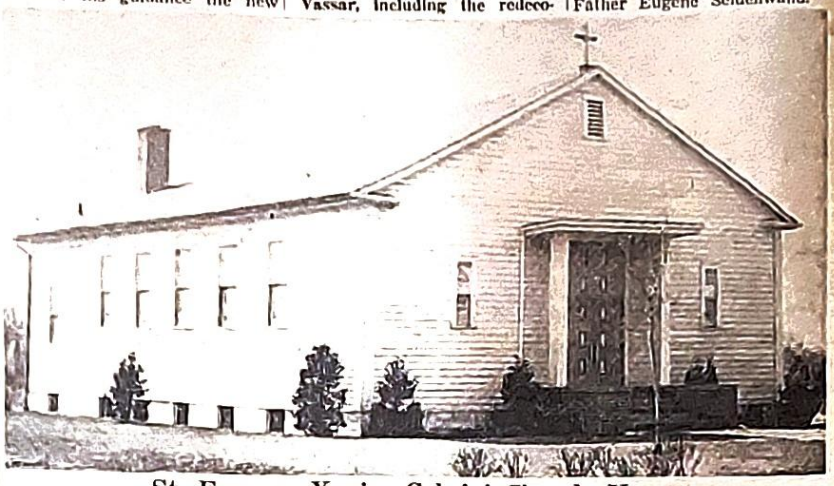
IN 1952 FATHER Robert Smith was appointed pastor of St. Frances X. Cabrini.

Under his guidance the new parish and its mission enjoyed a noticeable growth, developed many Catholic Action groups for the laity: Legion of Mary, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Converts guilds, and Knights of the Altar; and built the rectory.

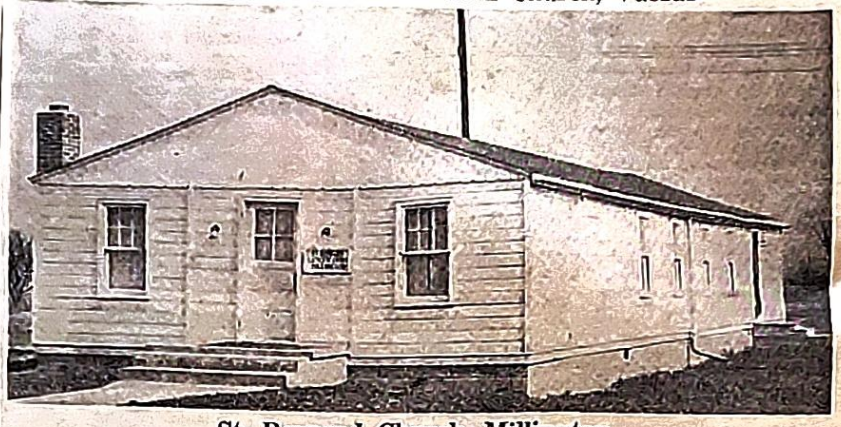
A number of improvements were made on the church in Vassar, including the redecorating of the sanctuary, and in Millington a kitchen area and furnace room were added to the church. Parking facilities were improved at both churches.

Fr. Smith remained as pastor until March of 1962, when he was replaced by the present pastor Father Eugene Seidenwand.

Father Eugene Seidenwand



St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Church, Vassar



St. Bernard Church, Millington

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New Rectory Constructed by Lexington St. Denis Parish

St. Joseph Parish Hall, Sandusky

New Parish Hall Pride of Sandusky St. Joseph Parish

SANDUSKY—Catholicism in Sandusky had its beginning in the early part of this century when priests from Croswell began saying Mass in the homes of local residents. Soon after Father E. J. Kromenaker became pastor of St. Patricks in 1907 either he or his assistant, Father Patrick Dunnigan, came to the county seat of Sanilac County each month to offer the Holy Sacrifice for the benefit of fewer than a handful of Catholics gathered at the homes of a Wm. O'Keefe, a Thomas Doyle, or a Wm. Roberts.

Mass in homes continued until 1914 when a two-story building was purchased and moved from its business area location to the corner of Moore and Marion streets. This store-converted-to church structure, in which a monthly weekday Mass was held for the approximate 12 families, was used until 1925.

Father Leo Roberge, then pastor of St. Patrick's in Croswell, had the frame building dismantled and began on its site a new church constructed in the style of the old Spanish missions in California. Upon its completion on Nov. 10, 1925, the first weekly Sunday Mass was begun.

Costing $14,000 and seating 225 this church over the years has attracted thousands of visitors because of its unique beauty and charm.

Coming from Croswell to serve the Catholics of Sandusky and area were the Fathers Edward Kromenaker, Patrick Dunnigan, Leo Roberge, Leo Zindler, Lewis Dion, and Charles Burkhardt.

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Parish Status

GRADUALLY THE Catholic population in and around Sandusky increased sufficiently to warrant the status of a parish. Accordingly Bishop Michael J. Gallagher of Detroit officially established the parish of St. Joseph and appointed Father Michael J. Kujawa as its first resident pastor Aug. 17, 1935.

The first major project of the new pastor was to build a rectory. Work on the structure began Oct. 4, 1937, and finished July 1 of the following year at a cost of $5,843.42. Much of the labor was donated by parishioners.

On May 24, 1941, Father Kujawa was transferred to Standish and Father John Bozek appointed as administrator of St. Joseph's. Under his energetic leadership

Fr. Angelus M. Kopp
Present Pastor

considerable improvements, principally the addition of a partial basement under the church, were made. His tenure of office lasted till Nov. 19, 1942, when Father Robert E. Rock, assistant at St. James in Bay City, was appointed new pastor in Sandusky.

On Jan. 1, 1943, by order of Bishop William Murphy the mission of St. John's in Peck was removed from the jurisdiction of Croswell and annexed to Sandusky where it continued till Sept. 21, 1950 when it reverted to Croswell.

Father Rock was succeeded by Father Lawrence Greiner, assistant at Sacred Heart parish, Saginaw, as administrator on June 28, 1947. In the following year Father Greiner with the pastors of Caro, Cass City, and Argyle was called into conference by Bishop Wozniciki to determine the territorial lines of St. Elizabeth's parish in Marlette about to be established.

The area west of Juhl Road and south of M-16 was allocated to the new parish.

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Parish Hall Built

AFTER THREE years Father Greiner was transferred to Sacred Heart parish in Oscoda. The new pastor, Father August R. Zylla took office on June 23, 1950, and served until the present incumbent, Father Angelus M. Kopp, was appointed Feb. 17, 1956. Installation took place Feb 17.

Immediate thought was given to the feasibility of a parish hall eagerly desired by the parishioners. A building committee was formed Sept. 9, 1962, parish meetings were conducted during the fall, and in January of the next year with the help of "Jiggs" Lenzi of Washington, Mich., a pledge drive was launched. The goal of $35,000 was quickly reached and rose to $40,000. In the course of the three-year period, 95 percent of the pledges were paid.

Ground for the hall was broken by Msgr. Charles Roark in the presence of the pastor and neighboring priests on Sept. 1, 1957, and construction begun the next day. The building completed, furnished and equipped at a cost of $85,000, was opened for usage in March of 1959.

Established at Sandusky in November, 1958 was a Knights of Columbus Council officially designated as Pius XII Council No. 4693. The first class, that of charter members initiated into the order, numbered 52.

The St. Joseph Parish Hall has been used for meetings and other activities by the Council which in December, 1962, listed nearly 200 members.

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Cemetery Acquired

AN IMPORTANT step in parish development was the acquiring of a cemetery. Over the years from the time of its founding, St. Joseph's lacked its own place of burial. Neighboring parish cemeteries had to be used.

On Dec. 1, 1958, with the permission of the Bishop, a 99-year lease agreement was entered into between the pastor and the officials of the city of Sandusky whereby St. Joseph Cemetery came into being.

It has space for 1,440 graves and is conveniently located near the city limits. Though exclusively Catholic and under the administration of St. Joseph's pastor, it is cared for by the city.

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Shrine to St. Joseph

A SHRINE honoring St. Joseph the Worker was begun in the fall of 1959 and completed in early summer of the next year.

The imported statue carved from carrara marble by an Italian artist with the remainder of the shrine hewn out of Tennessee

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Parish Status Regained by Lexington St. Denis

LEXINGTON — Missionary activity among the white settlers in the Lexington area began in 1834 when the famous Michigan missionary Father Frederick Baraga paused here for several years on his way to the field of his greatest efforts, the Upper Peninsula.

In the Fall of 1870 Father P. J. DeSmedt was appointed the first resident pastor of Lexington and its Missions. The church was then known as the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

In 1882 a new church was built dedicated to the patronage of St. Denis.

The fortunes of the parish declined with those of the village with the passing of the lumbering economy and the closing of navigation at the Lexington docks. The new rail road by-passed Lexington and Croswell became the center of commerce for the area.

In 1890 St. Patrick parish in Croswell became the principal church for the Catholic community and St. Denis was reduced to the status of Mission Parish. The pastor lived at St. Patrick's.

In 1940 Father Charles Burkhardt now pastor of St. James in Bay City built the present church of St. Denis.

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Parish Status Regained

BY 1950 THE steadily increasing population of Lexington and the annual summer residency of vacationers necessitated the re-establishment of St. Denis as a parish with a resident pastor.

Father Alpha LaHale on July 26, 1950 was installed as the new resident pastor. During the decade of Father LaHale's pastorate the parish moved steadily forward.

In September, 1950 the parish acquired a parcel of property on Dennison Street behind the church. The residence on this property was used as a rectory for a number of years.

The following year in July another parcel of property directly across Main Street from the church was purchased for $16,000. This land was developed into a parking lot.

Fr. Robert G. Navarre
Present Pastor

A cement block building included in the purchase which was formerly a garage and service station, was enlarged and reconditioned to become St. Denis Parish Hall.

The building of this hall is a tribute to the faith and enthusiasm of many St. Denis parishioners. Much of the material that went into the building was donated, and the labor was voluntary.

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Parish Son Ordained

IN 1952 ST. Denis parish passed a great spiritual mile stone. On June 7, Charles L. Ganley a native son, was ordained to the Sacred Priesthood by Bishop Wozniciki in the parish church. Father Ganley is now pastor of St. Paul the Apostle parish in Ithica.

Living conditions in the temporary rectory were barely tolerable for Father LaHale. However, by 1959 the income of the parish

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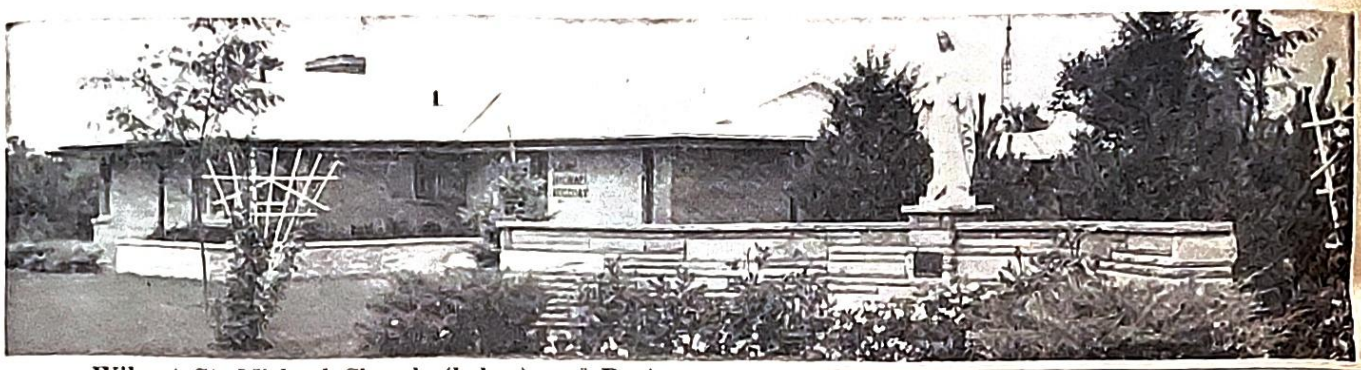
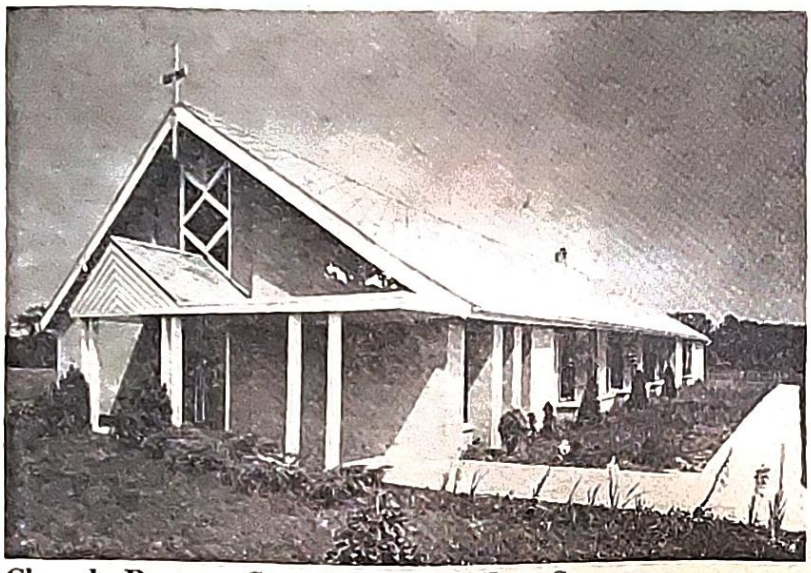


Wilmot St. Michael Church (below) and Rectory



Church, Rectory Completed in 10-Year Span—

St. Michael's Thrives in First Full Decade as Parish

WILMOT—Located 3½ miles north of Kingston, the village of Wilmot was once a prosperous summer town. The Catholic faith was brought to the area by the early Polish lumberjacks.

Wilmot was established as a mission of Sandusky St. Joseph on Aug. 17, 1935. The "Shady Nook" dance hall was purchased for $600 and converted into St. Michael church by Fr. Michael J. Kujawa, then Sandusky pastor. The first Mass was offered Oct. 13, 1935.

In 1942, Fr. Bozek was named first pastor of Cass City St. Pancratius and the mission of Wilmot was transferred from Sandusky to Cass City.

In 1949, a basement was completed under the present building and was used as a parish meeting hall. The first floor was converted into the church.

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Parish Status in 1952

IN SEPTEMBER, 1951, Bishop Woznicki named Fr. Sigmund J. Haremski as St. Pancratius assistant with instructions to "give special attention to St. Michael Parish, Wilmot, and the Catholics in Mayville, Michigan, with a view to the eventual possible establishment of these two as parish and mission respectively."

On March 28, 1952, Bishop Woznicki erected St. Michael Church as a parish and appointed Fr. Haremski as the first pastor.

The Mission of St. Joseph at Mayville was attached to St. Michael's and Bishop Woznicki made both St. Michael's and St. Joseph's churches independent of each other in their canonical erection with separate boundary lines.

In March, 1952, Bishop Woznicki gave permission to hire an architect to draw plans for a new church.

Fr. Raymond J. Pilarski
Present Pastor

On July 13, 1952, while making his canonical visitation in the parish, Bishop Woznicki announced that the new site for St. Michael's parish would be one-half mile south of town.

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New Church Built

ON AUG. 31, a picture of the proposed new church appeared in The Catholic Weekly. Work on it began immediately and on Oct. 26, 1952, Msgr. John J. Sonefeld, vicar general, blessed the cornerstone.

During the cold fall and winter months the men of the parish donated days of their time each week to erect the new church.

It was with great pride and a sense of accomplishment that the pastor and parishioners celebrated the First Mass on April 26, 1953.

Formal dedication of the church was made by Bishop Woznicki on Aug. 3, 1953. Father Bozek gave the sermon on this occasion.

The summer of 1951 was spent in putting in a parking lot at the new church and in plotting and landscaping the cemetery.

On Jan. 23, 1955, organization of parish Holy Name and Ushers clubs was completed.

On Dec. 8, 1955, a beautiful outdoor shrine donated by Mr. Lawrence Zimba, was blessed by the pastor.

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Second Pastor

ON SEPT. 2, 1956, Father Haremski was transferred to Pinnebog St. Felix church. In just six short years he had built and almost completely paid for the new Wilmot church which seats 320.

Fr. Floyd J. Welna became the second pastor of the parish on Sept. 7, 1956.

Father Welna began a campaign to have the enthronement of the Sacred Heart in every home. Great pains were taken by the new pastor to inspire the parishioners with a true spirit of liturgical worship. By Christmas the entire congregation was actively participating with the celebrant in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

The pledge drive in the spring of 1957 for the new St. Paul Seminary, under chairmanship of Walter Wolak was a great success.

On June 23, 1957, the burning of the church mortgage took place after the 11:30 mass. On the same day it was announced that the Bishop had ordered the pastor to make plans for the immediate erection of a rectory next to the new church.

By November preliminary plans for the new rectory were agreed upon by the pastor and building committee.

On April 20, 1959, the Bishop approved plans for the new $50,000 rectory. Work began at once. Using local help and a good deal of parish donated labor the new rectory was finished by June 1, 1959.

The job of landscaping the new church and rectory area was undertaken by the Ushers' club and completed by fall of 1959.

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Third Pastor

ON JUNE 28, 1960, Fr. Raymond J. Pilarski was appointed the third pastor of St. Michael parish Wilmot and St. Joseph Mission, Mayville.

Final steps were taken to complete the landscaping of the parish grounds. Facilities were erected for a parish softball field and skating rink. New kitchen facilities were added to parish hall in basement of rectory. New Flooring was laid throughout basement.

The first parish teenage choir was formed in fall of 1961 with Miss Mary Wolak as organist, and Mrs. Leo Weber, director.

Easter of 1962 found the entire sanctuary redecorated with prefinished plywood. A new canopy and lighting system were installed in the sanctuary. A second garage for housekeeper's car and for storage purposes was erected in September of 1962.

Plans for the future, according Fr. Raymond Pilarski call for complete exterior renovation of the church. Brick and Bay Port Stone will be added to the block church to make the rectory and church similar in architectural styling. Plans also call for remodeling of the main entrance of the church.

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St. Roch Church, Caseville

$100,000 Church Built by St. Joseph Mission

MAYVILLE—Located 10 miles east of Vassar, 10 miles south of Caro and 21 miles southwest of Kingston and Wilmot, is the mission of St. Joseph, Mayville. The mission comprises 78 square miles in Fremont, Dayton and Watertown townships.

Established just 12 years ago by Bishop Woznicki, St. Joseph mission has grown from a handful of the faithful to 68 excellent Catholic families who have just completed a $100,000 new church.

In his letter of appointment, dated Sept. 6, 1951, the bishop appointed Fr. Sigmund J. Haremski as assistant to St. Pancratius Church, Cass City and St. Michael Church at Wilmot. The bishop also gave Fr. Haremski specific instructions to give special attention to the Catholics in the Mayville area.

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Mission Organized

TAKING AN immediate survey of the area, Fr. Haremski informed the bishop that Mayville was ready for a mission church. On Oct. 16, 1951 Bishop Woznicki officially announced the organization of a mission church and named it, St. Joseph church, Mayville.

Organizational meetings were held in the defunct Mayville Mayfair movie theater. George Fehrenbach, a Catholic who owned the building offered its use for church services. The first mass was offered in the theater on Oct. 28, 1951—The Feast of Christ the King.

On Feb. 3, 1952 Fr. Haremski announced the purchase of the Mayfair theater from George Fehrenbach for $12,500. The parishioners and pastor personally went to work on the 70 x 22 two-story building to make it a fitting house of God.

On March 28, 1952 Bishop Woznicki canonically erected St. Joseph as a mission of St. Michael Church, Wilmot. He appointed Fr. Haremski its first pastor and established boundary lines for both parishes. Each parish is independent of the other in its canonical erection.

The first church committee consisted of Michael McSherry, Joseph Kowalski, Emmet Lucas, George Fehrenbach and Nicholas Streljzk.

Permission was granted through the Apostolic Delegate for Fr. Haremski to offer three masses on Sunday, the 7:30 and 11:30 at Wilmot and the 9:30 at Mayville.

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Building Fund Started

ON AUG. 27, 1956, Fr. Floyd J. Welna was appointed pastor of St. Michael Church, Wilmot and St. Joseph Church, Mayville. Installation ceremonies took place on Sept. 9, 1956.

Fr. Welna served well in the mission, he soon paid off the debt on the present building and immediately began a building fund for a permanent church.

For this purpose he was fortunate in purchasing 20 acres of excellent property on M-24, within the city limits. This transaction was made with one of the original parishioners, Joseph Kowalski for the nominal sum of $1,000.

Nourishing the strong faith nurtured by the first pastor, Fr. Welna labored incessantly to instill the faithful with true liturgical piety. When he left the parish in June 1960, every member of the parish was fully participating in the beautiful Latin liturgy of the mass.

On June 1, 1960, the bishop appointed Fr. Raymond J. Pilarski as the third pastor of St. Michael and St. Joseph churches. Canonical installation was held on June 28, 1960.

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New Church Built

FR. PILARSKI began making

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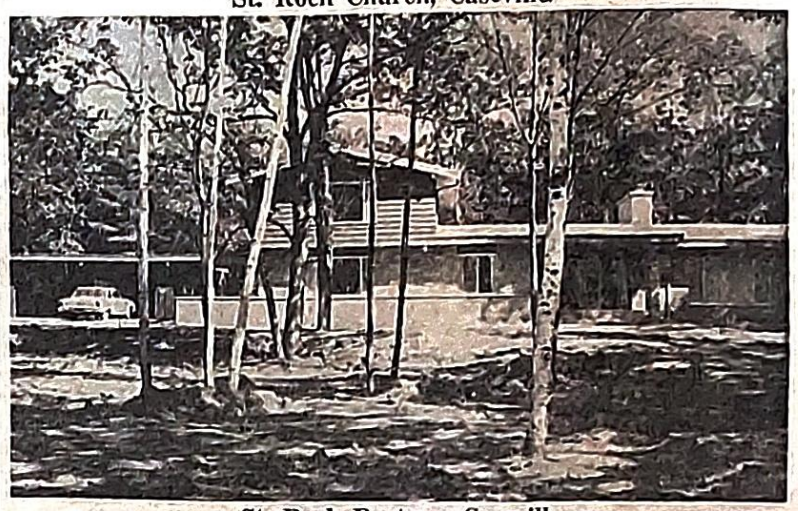

St. Roch Rectory, Caseville

Pavilion Provides for Overflow Crowd of Tourists at St. Roch

By Fr. Stanley A. Kilar

CASEVILLE—The history of Catholicism in the Caseville area goes back approximately to the middle of the 19th century.

Fr. Stanley A. Kilar
Present Pastor

As the Catholics were few in number and the means of transporting priests from the nearest Catholic centers, such as Port Austin and Gagetown, where a larger concentration of Catholics had the good fortune of having resident pastors, was extremely limited and even hazardous, it has been reasonably established that the first Catholic priest who periodically came on a weekday to care for the Catholics in Caseville, was Father Cornelius Roche.

AT THAT TIME he was the pastor of St. Michael Parish in Port Austin, 18 miles, as the crow flies, from Caseville. Father Roche organized the small band of Catholics as one of his numerous Missions, around the years 1871-1875. He managed to make an appearance about once every month on a weekday. Every appearance of the good and zealous priest was considered by the faithful Catholics as a God-send.

The original church was a small frame building located on today's County Park in the Village of Caseville.

Other priests followed Father Roche to administer to the spiritual needs of the people. These include Father Krebs from Gagetown, Fathers John Helten and Joseph Herr of Sebewaing. These priests served the Catholics of Caseville until the year of 1899, when Father Francis Hewlett, shortly after his ordination to the priesthood, was appointed as pastor of St. Felix Parish in nearby Pinnebog. St. Roch Church, Caseville, was his Mission.

From the turn of the century, except for a short period of time, when Father Aloysius Hafner, pastor of St. Francis Borgia Church in Pigeon, also served the Mission in Caseville, St. Roch's was served by the pastors of St. Felix in Pinnebog. Among the priests were: Fathers Hill, William Courtney, Joseph Arts, C. P. Stanton, Michael J. Martin, Carl E. Elnig, Francis X. O'Donnell, Malachy Walker, August Zylla, L. J. Culligan, Camill Klos and Robert G. Navarre.

THE SMALL Presbyterian congregation in Caseville disbanded and their church was sold to the village. In 1934, Father August Zylla exchanged the small Mission church for the former Presbyterian Church, standing in the center of the village.

This newly acquired church was considerably larger than the old church and it served the needs of the growing number of Catholics until the year 1956. At that time it was converted into the parish hall. A new and considerably larger parish church was built on a new location. The original

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Mayville St. Joseph's Dedicated June 23, 1963

Sebewaing and Fairgrove May Build in the Future

Future building programs are being considered by both Sebewaing Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary parish and the mission church of Fairgrove St. Jude.

Fr. Bernard L. Skornia
Present Pastor

The first Catholic church was built in Sebewaing in 1870.

The faith has been kept alive over the years by a succession of pastors, among them being, Fr. John Hellen; Fr. John Herr; Fr. L. J. VanStraelen; Fr. Charles Hofsted, Fr. John Bonkowski, Fr. John Louis, Fr. Joseph A. Mulet, Fr. George Schliesch, Fr. Charles Elnig, Fr. Edward Guthu, Fr. Elmer Botzing, Fr. A. P. Hafner, Fr. Sebastian VanGessel, Fr. Edward J. Szturmowski, Fr. John Boguslawski, Fr. Carl Cahill, Fr. Richard L. Rabideaux and Fr. Thomas Atkins.

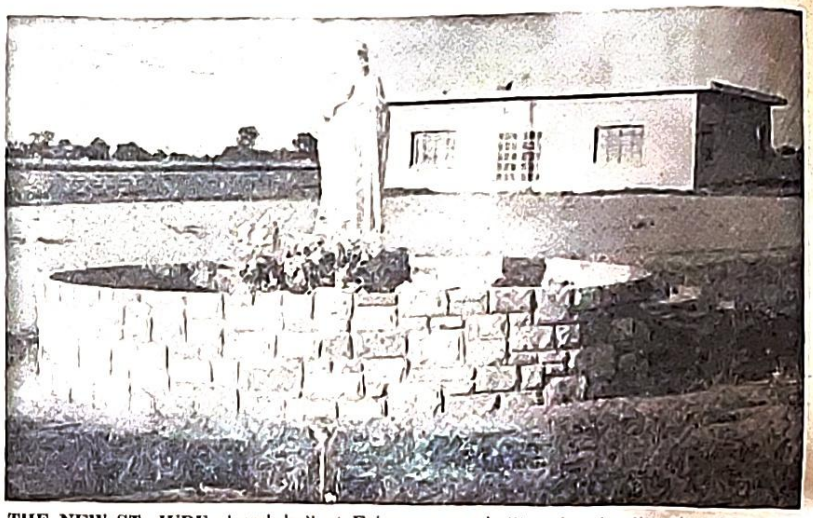
Present pastor is Fr. Bernard Skornia.

SEBEWAING was the mother parish for St. Joseph's, Unionville, now a parish in its own right.

Members of the Sebewaing church committee are Leo Klpmueller, Frank Tuchner, Herbert Lorentz, Sherwood Rice and Charles Macheel

Prior to being transferred to Sebewaing, Fairgrove was a mission of Reese St. Elizabeth. Members of the St. Jude church committee are Rex Wood, Patrick Sheridan, Francis Lachem, Donald Volk and Ernest Richardson.

Fr. Skronia was appointed pastor for Sebewaing and Fairgrove on March 29, 1963.



THE NEW ST. JUDE church-hall at Fairgrove was built under the direction of Fr. Joseph Roach, when St. Jude was a mission of Reese. In front of the hall above is a statue of St. Jude, patron of the mission. At the time of the first Mass in St. Jude mission on Jan. 2, 1955, there were 40 families. Fr Kenneth J. Povish was speaker at the St. Jude dedication.

Caseville

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Catholic Mission church was later moved into the center of the village and became, the village hall and library.

In view of this phenomenal growth it was imperative that a larger church edifice be built in order to accommodate the increasing numbers of summer residents and tourists. It was then that the Most Rev. Stephen S. Woznicki, Bishop of Saginaw, raised St. Roch Mission to the status of a parish, and appointed Rev. Robert G. Navarre as the first resident pastor on September 7, 1956.

IN 1952, the Bishop authorized Father Navarre to purchase a parcel of land as a site for the new church at a cost of $7,600. Without delay, Father Navarre began an extensive drive to raise sufficient funds for the erection of the new church. The new church was designed by Joseph C. Goddeyne, architect of Bay City, Mich., and constructed by O. J. Schmidt Construction company of Saginaw in 1955. It was completed in March, 1956, at a cost of $115,000.

The church is of contemporary style with the exterior finish consisting of buff colored brick and California redwood. Glass is used extensively throughout the building. The lower half of the rear wall can be moved aside, opening up the entire sanctuary. Through this device the overflow crowds of the summer months can remain outside the church and yet have a full view of the altar.

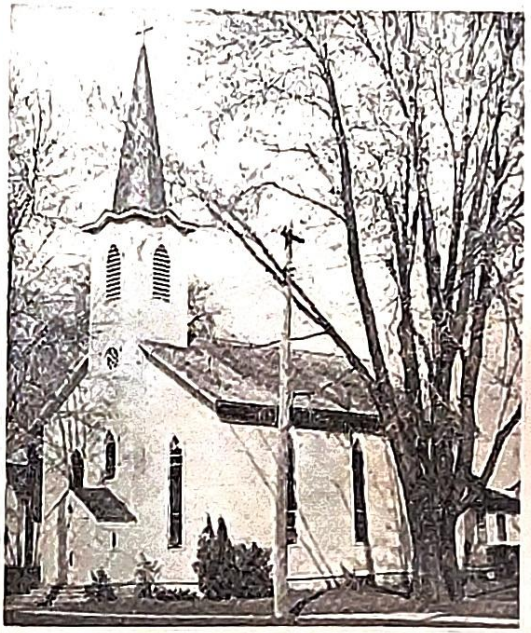
The church proper can comfortably seat 450. It also has other unusual features. It is, for instance, believed to be the first Catholic church in the State of Michigan to use stained glass windows as Stations of the Cross.

The first Mass in the new church was offered by the pastor, Father Navarre on Sunday, March 18, 1956. It was solemnly dedicated by the Ordinary of the Diocese of Saginaw, Most Rev. Stephen Woznicki, D.D., on Sunday, July 22, 1956.

TO PROVIDE additional accommodation for the overflow crowds a large pavilion with a capacity greater than the church proper, with a concrete floor and redwood roof, was added to the rear of the church in 1957. It enables 700 additional people to assist at Mass in comfort. This pavilion was built by Oswald Lumpp of the Elkton Lumber and Construction company at a cost of $7,890.40.

As St. Roch's possessed no residence for the pastor, it was necessary to build a new rectory near the church. In 1959, the pastor engaged the services of Morris and Wesolek, Architects of Bay City for the purpose of drawing up the plans. The contract to build the rectory was awarded to the lowest bidder, Elkton Lumber and Construction company, of Elkton, Mich. The total cost amounted to $47,109.41, and the rectory was completed in 1960, whence the pastor took possession of the new home.

After serving almost 11 years, Father Robert G. Navarre, the first resident pastor of St. Roch Parish, was transferred to another parish on June 2, 1962. The new pastor, Rev. Fr. Stanley A. Kilar, assumed charge of St. Roch's, immediately thereafter.



Nativity Church, Sebewaing

Lexington

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derived from the increasing number of permanent families and from a large number of summer visitors was substantial enough to finance the building of a new rectory.

The rectory was completed in the fall of 1959 without debt. Modern and convenient in every way it is the pride of the parish.

On August 16, 1960 the parish and community of Lexington was stunned by the news of the death of Father LaHaie. In poor health for a number of years he labored hard and prayerfully for his people. His kindness and consideration especially for the elderly has become a legend at St. Denis.

Father Stanley A. Kilar succeeded Father LaHaie and remained pastor until June 2, 1962 when he became pastor of St. Roch Church in Caseville. Father Robert G. Navarre, the former pastor of St. Roch is now the pastor of St. Denis.

SINCE 1952 two daughters of the parish have entered the Religious Life: Sister Mary Jacqueline (Margaret) DeWar, a Sister of Mercy stationed at St. Jean, Muskegon; and Sister Mary Carol (Mary Ann) Crosby, a Sister of St. Francis at Green Bay, Wisconsin.

25 YEARS

We congratulate Bishop Stephen S. Woznicki, the priests, and the people of his diocese on their many great accomplishments during the past twenty-five years.

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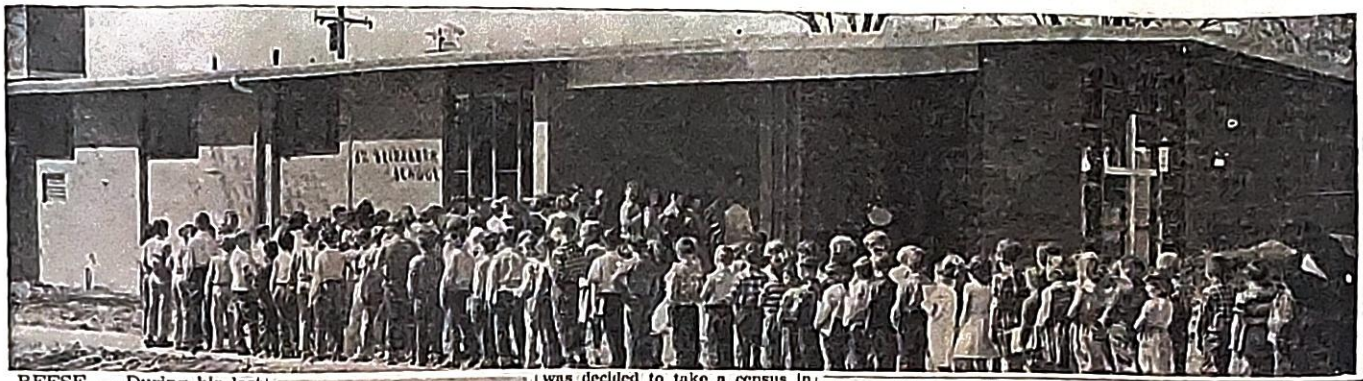
A Decade of Renovation at Reese



REESE — During his last year at St. Elizabeth, Father Neil O'Connor redecorated and refurnished the sanctuary.

Donors were: Crucifix, Mr. and Mrs. Anton Kenel in memory of William; Altar, Mr. and Mrs. Louis DuRussel; Tabernacle, the Humpert families; Drapes, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Parrent; Candlesticks, in memory of Joseph Colliton and also by the Richard Luethem family; Sanctuary Rug, Altar society; Monstance, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. John O'Donnel; Luna, Mrs. Ozena Neveau; Linens, Matt Ellison.

At the same time, Father O'Connor had new rubber tile laid in the aisles and the kneelers covered.

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Classroom Added

BISHOP WOZNICKI consecrated the altar on Oct. 5, 1952 and placed the relics of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, St. Jude Thaddeus, and St. Jean Marie Vianney in the altar stone.

The refurnishing was completed with the delivery of new vestments from France.

Donors of the vestments were: Mrs. Joseph Colliton, Mrs. Ed LaForge, Mr. and Mrs. John Matonek, the Altar Society, Father O'Connor, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Greenia and Clarence, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hogan, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Osantowske, sr., Mr. and Mrs. William Sink, Mr. and Mrs. David Solgat, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Schulte, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Janesheski, Walter Bittner, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schulte.

Completing the work of reconstruction for the year, Father O'Connor added a new classroom to the school and installed a new furnace there.

In an attempt to make the parish societies more active, the parish was divided into four sections with the beginning of 1953. The arrangement worked fairly well for the ladies, breaking down only with the dividing off of the Fairgrove group to form a new mission there. However, the men's society did not continue to be active after the winter festival in February.

Fr. William O'Connor, C.S.C., of Notre Dame University conducted a Mission for the parish in March, 1953.

For a long time, the now aging rectory was in need of extensive repairs and remodeling. In April, Father O'Connor began this work with the remodeling of the first floor.

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Present Pastor Installed

FATHER O'CONNOR departed from the parish on July 14, 1953, being transferred to the pastorship of St. Andrew Church, Saginaw.

On July 18, 1953, Father Joseph W. Roach, formerly temporary administrator of St. Andrew parish arrived as the new pastor. He was installed by Monsignor Charles Roarke, Dean of the Thumb Deanery, on July 22.

The school bus failed to start the school year, and so was replaced in October with the men of the parish taking a collection from the parents of school children. The parish had to add $1200 from the general funds to complete the payment for the new bus which cost $1,585.74.

Father Joseph W. Roach
Present Pastor

With the new bus there began a new phase of cooperation among the Reese schols. The public school, the Trinity Lutheran school, and St. Elizabeth school pooled their buses to transport all the children of the area into the three schools on a cooperative basis. This arrangement is still in effect.

In October, 1953, the children began participating in the national School Lunch program.

In the same year, the St. Elizabeth Parish Credit Union was formed. The application for a state charter was made on Oct. 12 and the organizational meeting was held on Nov. 10.

L. A. Clayton, of Saginaw was the main help in guiding the first steps of the infant Credit Union. First officers were: president, Jack Matonek; vice-president, Herbert Schlan; secretary, Father Roach; treasurer, Donald Wade; credit committee, Anthony Parrent, Lawrence E. Stein, and Floyd Dillabough; supervisory committee, James Bader, Charles Hirschman and Roy DuRussel.

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Fairgrove Mission Started

SINCE THIS was the Marian Year, the parish was consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on May 30, 1954.

Notice was received from the Bishop of the establishment of boundaries for St. John, Essexville and its mission territory of Quanicassee. This determined part of the northern limits of St. Elizabeth parish as Darbee Road in Tuscola County for the five miles from Garner Road to the Bay County line.

At the insistence of the Mercy Motherhouse, an attempt was made to solve a flooding problem in the school by putting in a new floor in the basement classroom.

An important development in the spread of the Church in Tuscola County began at the Confirmation in October, 1953. The pastors involved, Fr. Urban Miller of Munger, Fr. Elmer Betzing of Caro, Fr. Richard Rabideau of Sebewaing, and Fr. Roach of Reese, held an informal meeting with the Bishop. Under the direction of the Bishop it was decided to take a census in the Fairgrove area to determine whether it would be advisable to begin a mission in that area.

As a result of this meeting, the first Mass was celebrated in Fairgrove on Jan. 2, 1955. The mission remained attached to St. Elizabeth until August, 1958 when its care was transferred to Nativity of the Blessed Virgin in Sebewaing.

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School Contracts Awarded

THE TROUBLES at the temporary school continued with the failure of the well. A new well with a four inch casing was drilled to give a capacity of 1000 gallons an hour. With the expiration of the year, however, it became clear that the temporary building which had served so well, would have to be replaced by a new school.

Flooding conditions in the basement, increased enrollment, chronic failure of the plumbing and the warping of the floors inspired the Mercy Motherhouse to insist that there be a new school or the Sisters would have to be removed to other parishes with better teaching conditions.

In September, 1955, the Bishop gave permission to hire an architect and begin a fund drive. The final plans were approved on May 8, 1956. Bids were opened on June 5.

After some alterations necessitated because the plumbing and heating bids were too high, contracts were awarded: Brysselbout and Starke, architects, $4,145; general contract—Norman Rasch, Unionville, $61,110; plumbing and heating—Lloyd W. Schweinsberg, Bay City, $16,000; electrical—F. Schmerheim and Son Electric, Saginaw, $1,800.

Landscaping, septic field, water, and other incidentals done with volunteer labor brought the total price up to just about $90,000.

Though St. Elizabeth Parish had only $250 on hand at the time the subject of a new school was broached to the Bishop, it was necessary to borrow only $53,000 to complete the building for occupancy after the Easter vacation in 1957.

In 1956 it was deemed essential by the Motherhouse that we hire a lay teacher. A classroom was prepared for her, and Miss Beatrice Vargas joined the teaching staff.

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New School Opens

WHILE THESE important events were transpiring, small improvements were being made. Hoods and exhaust fans were installed in the basement kitchen in February, 1955 by Dan Kenel. In the same year, the Altar society bought a new Holy Thursday repository, new doors were placed on the church.

In April 1956, Harvey DuRussel gave us the bike stand for the school. A week later, Charles Hirschman, Ray Schulte and Harvey DuRussel put a new ceiling and new lights in the Church kitchen.

Roy DuRussel spearheaded the campaign for pledges for the new school and the first visible preparations for the school were made in May. The site of the school was cleared by Harvey DuRussel, Clare Courbier, Basil Hoyt and Joseph Laux. The American Legion Post in Reese donated a flag-pole and flag for the school.

Our neighbor, Fr. Robert G. Smith laid the cornerstone on March 29. The first day of classes in the new school was held on April 29, 1957.

In May 1957, we purchased an acre and a half as an addition to the St. Elizabeth Cemetery. Mark Trombley sold the property for $400. The new section included about a third of an acre of a shallow gravel pit.

It is interesting to note that the old-timers report that this gravel pit was dug by an owner, in the days that the church stood on this site. He is said to have feared that the Church would expand and eventually encroach upon his property.

Fr. Blase Glizen, O.F.M. Cap., conducted a mission here from February 23 to March 2, 1958.

In May 1958, Charles Hirschman purchased the old school to tear it down. Bishop Wozniski blessed the new school on May 18.

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Furnishings Donated

NEW FURNISHINGS for the school were added via donations in 1958. We received a piano from Margaret Farrell; the children of Andrew Trombley gave a donation which bought beautiful wood carved statues for the classrooms and halls. In May, the Altar Society bought a drape for the first and second grade room. The southern exposure of the classroom created a problem of glare.

Peter Bittner donated the new school desks throughout the school as a memorial to his brother, Walter.

In making enquiries about getting an automatic bell ringer it was learned that the bell in Church was blessed by Fr. Brokaw in 1910. Our bell is thought to be one of the better bells in the area. It was cast by the McShane Bell Foundry, rings A natural, weighs 800 pounds, and measures 34 inches in diameter across the bottom.

Because of the temporary ill health of Father Roach, the Mission of St. Jude, Fairgrove, was transferred to the care of the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin in Sebewaing on Aug. 8, 1958.

Beginning with the first Sunday of January, 1959, a third Mass was added to the schedule. The Mass was needed because of the overflow attendance at the previous schedule of two Masses.

Fr. Vincent J. Forde, S.J., led the parish in a Week of Reparation in April 1960. Following this Week of Reparation, the Apostleship of Prayer, established here on Oct. 9, 1916, was reactivated with the first meeting of the Promoters being held on May 2, 1960.

Gravel Pit Filled

IN AUGUST, under the leadership of Alvin Humpert and Lawrence E. Stein, the men of the parish undertook the task of filling the gravel pit at the cemetery. More than 500 truckloads of dirt were put into the pit by volunteer workers and truckers.

This was the year of the "big wind" that blew down one of our beautiful old trees that shaded the rectory.

The crucifixion group at the cemetery was painted and Herbert Schlan installed lights in the parking lot. This capped the work of the Men's club of sponsoring the redecoration of the inside of the Church.

Another sizeable donation this year was the Verdin Bell Ringer and clock for the Church. Herbert Schlan donated the electric ringers for our bell in memory of his parents, George and Susan Schlan. The work was completed on Aug. 17, 1960.

Permission was obtained to buy lots 3 and 4 of Block Six of the A. M. Rogers Addition to the Village of Gates, now called Reese. We bought lot 3 from Mrs. Theresa Stock for $500. The cost of lot 4, purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Roland Buerkel was $875, including the attorney's fee.

The St. Elizabeth Altar Society became affiliated with the Archconfraternity of Christian Mothers on August 12, 1960.

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Renovation Continues

SO THAT WE should not escape the year without a major disaster, the rectory furnace "gave up the ghost" after long years of service on Nov. 23, 1960.

To end the year on a better note, Mrs. Lena DuRussel donated the material to recover the kneelers in Church. The Men's Club did the work of installing the material.

During 1961 the St. Elizabeth school received more donations. In memory of Louis DuRussel, a teacher's desk, crucifixes for all the rooms, holy water fonts, and books for the library were donated by Mrs. Lena DuRussel.

The year 1962 has furnished us with its opportunities to continue refurbishing our buildings. In the rectory, which is now 76 years old, the office was panelled by the Men's club and the Altar society; the convent was completely redecorated and one of the rooms remodeled.

The latest purchase of property added lots 1 and 2 of Block 5 to St. Elizabeth parish. The property was obtained from the Wilkensen Estate at a cost of $1,900. Edson Carey and his boys tore down the residence that was there. Harvey DuRussel, with his brothers Roy and Bernard, cleaned and leveled the lots, which now will be used as additional play area. The sale was concluded on Aug. 14, 1962.

The Mercy Order retired one of our Sisters during the school year, so our present school fac-

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Mother Parish of Saginaw Valley

BAY CITY — Monsignor Daniel J. Wynne, Pastor of St. James Church, Bay City, Michigan, remarked on the occasion of Father Vincent's 40th anniversary in the priesthood that he had often passed by St. Joseph's Church on Third and North Farragut Streets prior to his coming to the city. People referred to it as the French Parish. But now, it no longer enjoys that distinction. Though it has the French background, the congregation now comprises people of different nationalities.

Administered by The Holy Ghost Fathers, it is not surprising to hear a priest preaching with an Irish brogue, a German accent or any other accent peculiar to different parts of our country.

When Father Vincent George Kmiecinski, C.S.Sp assumed the pastorate of St. Joseph Church in June, 1938, it marked the end of a long reign of French-speaking priests of the Holy Ghost Congregation. During his pastorate, Father Vincent (he was commonly known to the people of the Parish and City as Father George Vincent) was instrumental in the constructidn of a new Gymnasium-Auditorium on the corner of Second and North Farragut Streets. This necessitated the removal of the convent to its present location at 1105 Third Street.

The present high school building at Second and Grant Streets, contiguous to the gymnasium served as headquarters for both the high school and grade school students. Conditions were crowded and unsatisfactory for the dual enrollment.

Quoting The Catholic Weekly of May 25, 1952, "St. Joseph Parish had title to all the property facing North Farragut Street between Second and Third Streets in May of 1948; and on March 21, 1949, The City Officials closed Farragut Street for that block.

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Needed New Building

EVEN THOUGH some of the houses purchased on North Farragut Street between Second and Third Streets were used to teach students of the lower grades, all signs pointed to the need for a new and separate building for the grade school students. Permission was readily granted by His Excellency, Most Rev. Stephen S. Woznicki, D.D., Bishop of Saginaw, to erect a new building for that purpose.

First came the problem of purchasing houses on Second Street between North Farragut and North Sherman Streets, and on North Sherman Street between Second and Third streets. Negotiations for the purchasing of these houses was finally completed; and through the special collections known as the Building Fund a debt of about $88,000 was liquidated in a very short time.

The new grade school building on Second and North Sher-

Fr. Francis Trotter, C.S.Sp.
Present Pastor

man streets was dedicated by Bishop Woznicki on May 1, 1957. The total cost of the new school was over $263,000.00.

The beginning of the school year in 1957 witnessed the fact that St. Joseph Parish now has adequate and separate buildings for their grade school and high school students.

In a little more than a year's time, Father Vincent, after a long tenure of office at St. Joseph (he first came to St. Joseph Parish as Assistant in 1925) was appointed by Very Rev. Vernon F. Gallagher, C.S.Sp., Provincial of the Holy Ghost Fathers, to the pastorate of Sacred Heart Church, Emsworth, Pa. He departed from Bay City for his new appointment on October 31, 1958.

Father Joseph B. Murphy, C.S. Sp., served as Administrator of the Parish until the arrival of Father Francis P. Trotter, C.S.Sp. as Pastor the latter part of January, 1959.

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More Improvements

IN THREE years time, Father Trotter has provided a suitable parking lot and playground for the children adjacent to the grade school building. He also added a new entrance to the Church on North Farragut, including a restroom. The interior of the Church has been cleaned and the coal stoker furnace converted to gas with zoning valves for the central system of the church, high school and auditorium. Other improvements include conversion of the gas furnace in the grade school to gas heating; exterior of the rectory renovated; and four beautiful bells in the tower electrified.

It is the intention of Father Trotter to build a new Convent as soon as the present debt is reduced to such an amount that the parishioners will be able to cope with the added indebtedness. The Dominican Sisters of Grand Rapids have been in charge of the school since 1881. They have given years of devoted serivce.

Another project of great importance on the agenda is an efficient lighting system for the Church.

Mention was made of Father Vincent's long years of service at St. Joseph. Closely associated with Father Vincent for many years as assistant pastor was Father James B. Parent, C.S.Sp., who departed for his present assignment at St. Anthony, Portsmouth, Rhode Island, in January, 1959. He was first appointed to St. Joseph in August, 1935.

Father Jaul V. Murray, C.S.Sp., was assistant pastor from September, 1944 until September, 1955. Other assistant pastors have been: Father Francis X. Williams, C.S.Sp., October, 1915, until September 1952; Father William O'Donnell C.S.Sp., September, 1952, until September, 1953; Father Francis J. Haas, C.S.Sp., September, 1953 until September, 1957; Father Francis T. Colvard, C.S.Sp., September, 1957, until February, 1958; Father Thomas J. McGuire, C.S.Sp., February, 1958, until September, 1960; and Father James J. Beagan, C.S.Sp., January, 1959, until September 1960.

Present assistant pastors are Fr. Simon J. Stark C.S.Sp., Fr. Siegfried O. Eckert, C.S.Sp., and Fr. James D. Sullivan, C.S.Sp.

The pastor notes that the parish has not been blessed with too many vocations to the priesthood over the years. He said, however, that we will continue our prayers that God may bless some of our young men with vocations to this high calling. Three are in the Seminary at present.

The record of vocations to the Sisterhood is much better. Since 1952, Sister Gilmary Donokowski, O.P. and Sister Mary Coletta Philopulos, O.P. have joined other parishioners who are members of the Dominican Sisters of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Brother La Salle Kearly, M.M. has been

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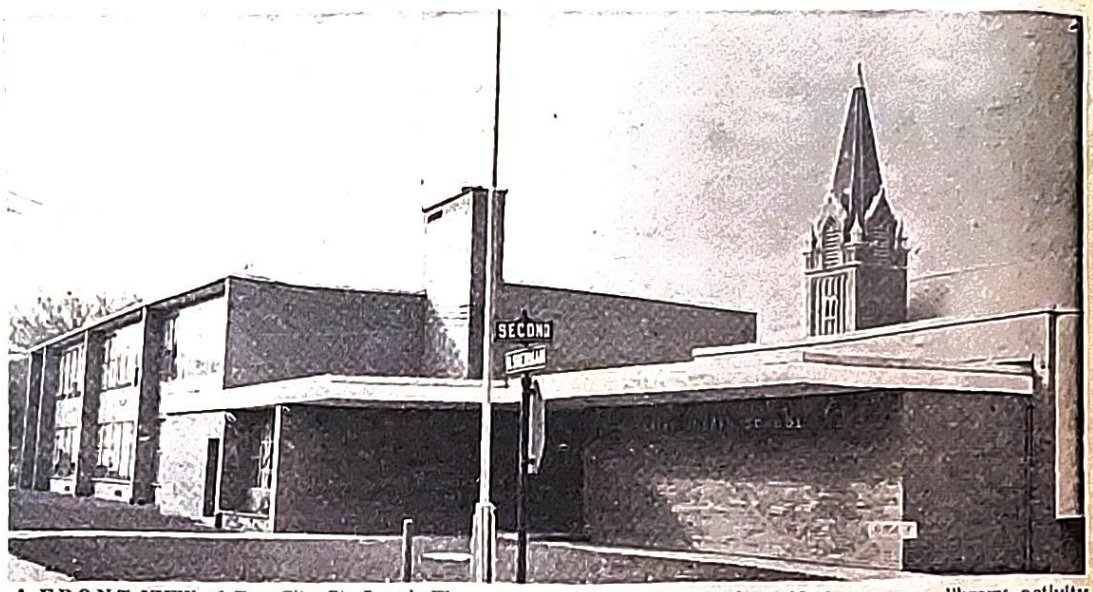

A FRONT VIEW of Bay City St. Joseph Elementary school is shown above. Constructed in 1956 during the pastorate of Fr. George Vincent Kmiecinski, CSSp., the building cost $263,000. The property cost $88,000. Included in the school are 10 classrooms, a library, activity room, principal's office and record room, teachers' lounge and rest rooms on both floors.

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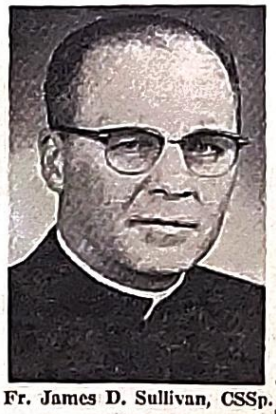

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1712 18th St. Bay City

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MU 4-9431
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1005 Saginaw (Bet. 3rd & 4th)

MICHIGAN ARCHITECTURAL DECORATORS
1317 N. Madison
TW 5-5952

MEYER FOOD MARKET
Groceries & Meats
Corner of Columbus & Farragut Sts.

SCHAFER'S BAY CITY
Plumbing & Heating Co.
1910 Woodside Bay City

GREENWALD-FAME
Launderers & Dry Cleaners
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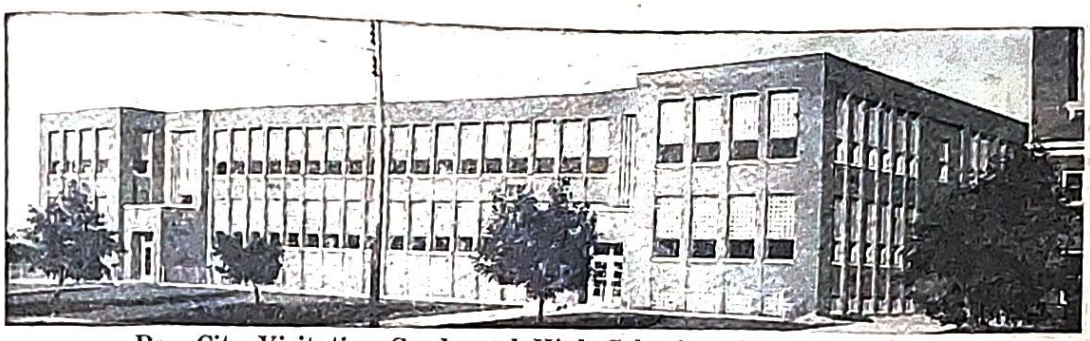

Bay City Visitation Grade and High School Dedicated in 1950

Visitation Continues to Serve Catholics of Northwest Bay City

BAY CITY—The faith was brought to the Banks area of Bay City by the French settlers.

Prior to 1873 missionaries called on the little community, but in that year Fr. M. J. Canters was appointed the first pastor of St. Mary's Church, then the only parish on the west side of the river.

The French missionary, Fr. J. G. Sanson, came to St. Mary's as pastor in 1888.

At that time the French element, not well versed in the English language, had a special mass on Sundays at St. Mary's. They began to lay aside their contributions for the building of a French parish.

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Early Days of Parish

ON OCT. 28, 1889, the present Visitation parish site was purchased from Joseph M. Trombley and in 1890 plans were drawn up for the new church.

In 1891 a frame schoolhouse was erected at Smith and State streets. And for two years the children of the French settlers went to the new school which was in charge of the Sisters of Mercy residing at St. Mary's convent.

In 1892 the foundation of a new church was started. By 1894 a roof covered the foundation and the church was ready for services. The new Notre Dame de le Visitation parish was born on Oct. 1, 1895.

The first days were difficult. The school which had been functioning for two years was forced to close because of financial difficulties and remained closed for five years.

Fr. Sanson was obliged to live in the school building until 1897 when a frame building at the corner of Smith and King was purchased, transported to Smith and State streets, and remained as the rectory until 1924.

Fr. Eugene Rouzeau came to Visitation on February 1, 1902.

Fr. Eustace Facher replaced him and remained until February, 1905, when Fr. Sanson was transferred to St. John the Baptist Parish in Muskegon.

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Financial Status Improves

THE NEW pastor was Fr. Joseph L. Poulin.

The financial status of the parish improved and by 1914 the beautiful Visitation brick church was completed. It was consecrated on June 21 of that year by the late Bishop Schrembs of Toledo, former pastor of Bay City St. Mary's Church.

In January, 1915, Fr. Poulin was transferred to St. John the Baptist Parish at Muskegon to succeed Fr. Sanson who had died. Fr. George Lavallee came as Visitation's administrator until the appointment of the present pastor, Fr. (now Monsignor) George O. Dequoy.

Msgr. Dequoy came to Visitation on the feast of the Assumption, Aug. 15, 1915.

In 1918 the home of Theodore Archambeault, Webster Homestead, was bought and converted into a temporary convent for the Sisters of Mercy.

The school was moved from its location next to the church to the northern extremity of the parish property, and in 1924 the new rectory was built adjacent to the church.

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Fire Strikes

ON SUNDAY morning, June 21, 1925, fire broke out in the basement of the church. The flames were finally brought under control but not until much damage had been done.

(Visitation Church was again damaged by fire this past May. However the fire was quickly brought under control and damage restricted to $45,000 paid to the parish by insurance.

In 1930 the inadequate quarters for the sisters were replaced by a modern, well appointed convent built of red brick to harmonize with the church and rectory.

In the six month period in 1937, the parishioners converted the entire basement of the church into a parish auditorium.

In 1945, Visitation Parish marked its Golden Jubilee, and its pastor was named a Domestic Prelate with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor.

Assistants

Fr. Jerome M. Turkiewicz

Fr. George J. Serour

In 1949 the new Visitation school was started. Work was completed in time for the opening of classes in September, 1950. Visitation's new school has a capacity of 1100 pupils and boasts 28 classrooms. In the same year an oil well located in the Calvary Cemetery area of Kawkawlin was donated to the parish by Don Rayburn.

In June, 1950, Fr. J. Edward Trombley came to Visitation as assistant. The parish athletic field was completed with a football field and a baseball diamond.

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Recent Progress

FR. JOSEPH Kearns came to Visitation as assistant in September 1950.

In 1952, St. Joseph cemetery, adjacent to the parish property, was transformed into a parking lot and playground. The bodies were removed and placed in a burial plot in Calvary Cemetery, Kawkawlin.

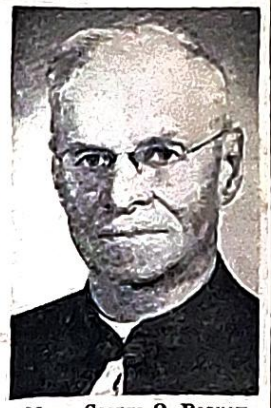
Fr. Robert Shine came to Visitation as assistant in 1955. In 1956, Fr. Bruno Kaczmarczyk came to Visitation as assistant. In 1958, Fr. Shine was appointed pastor of Coleman, leaving Visitation.

In 1957, the convent was enlarged, it now has 13 new cells, a larger chapel, refectory and community room, and three classrooms.

Fr. Jerome Tuskiewicz came to Visitation in June of 1960.

Fr. Joseph O. Schabel came to Visitation as assistant. In September, 1960, he was assigned to Pinnebog.

Fr. George Serour replaced him as assistant at that time.



Msgr. George O. Dequoy
Present Pastor

Michigan Church Pioneers—

Father Gabriel Richard

THE CHURCH in Michigan was under the authority of the See of Quebec when the Northwest region came under American rule in 1796. Accordingly the Church in this area was under the jurisdiction of Bishop John Carroll, Bishop of Baltimore, who had been made Bishop in 1790. Bishop Carroll sent Fr. Michael Levadoux as pastor of the Detroit mission in 1796.

In 1798, Bishop Carroll appointed to the mission Fr. Gabriel Richard, a Sulpican who was seeking refuge in America from the terrors of the French Revolution. He had therefore offered his services to Bishop Carroll who was in sore need of priests.

Fr. Richard was sent to the Illinois country in 1792 and six years later came to Detroit.

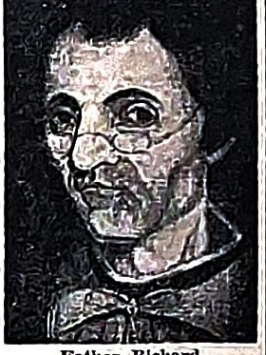
UPON HIS arrival in Detroit Fr. Richard was immediately sent to visit the scattered Catholics north and west of Detroit which would include those of the Saginaw Valley. When Fr. Levadoux was forced because of illness to leave Detroit in 1802, Fr. Richard was left alone to carry on the laborious work of the mission field in Michigan.

In 1826 Fr. Richard drew up a census of the territory. He found the Catholic population to include about 6,000 French Canadians and about 300 English speaking Catholics, nearly all poor Irishmen, thus totaling a white Catholic population of almost 7,000 souls.

Of interest to us is the fact that in 1829 Fr. Richard visited Saginaw Valley. He made a missionary excursion through the Valley attending to the spiritual needs of the Indians of the region and to the scattered white settlers. He then traveled as far North and West, as Harbor Springs and Arbre Croche.

This was his chief service to the Western missions of Michigan.

FROM 1806 to 1822 he was the only priest in the Michigan territory, and the history of the Catholic Church in Michigan during the entire territorial period was practically identified with the life and labors of this zealous priest.



Father Richard
—Sylvester Lucas Photo

Heads Charity Nuns

GREENSBURG, Pa., (NC) — Sister M. Victoria was elected here to a six-year term as Mother General of the Sisters of Charity of Mother Seton.

Bay City St. Joseph

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teaching in Lima, Peru as a member of the Maryknoll Missioners.

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Mother Parish

This completes the brief history of St. Joseph Parish, Bay City, Michigan from 1852-1962. St. Joseph Church, administered by The Holy Ghost Fathers since 1888, has the honor of being the Mother Parish of the Saginaw Valley.

The first St. Joseph Church was built on the East Side of Washington Avenue between Second and Third Streets. Father Joseph Kindekens directed the construction of the building in 1852. The Right Rev. Peter P. Le Fevre was the first resident pastor in 1852.

Many years of labor by self-sacrificing priests and sisters, helped by the co-operation of the people, have produced a parish really worthy of the title "Mother Parish of the Saginaw Valley."

Mayville

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immediate plans for a new permanent church. A successful pledge drive was held during which the parishioners promised nearly triple the normal income of the mission.

With such a spirit instilled in the hearts of all, a building committee was appointed. It consisted of Joseph Kowalski, Oliver Ladd, John Laird, Frank LaPratt, Ray O'Brien, John Wenta and James Epskamp. Many trips were made by this committee and the pastor to view many churches all over the state.

Plans were completed by December, 1961 and architects Morris and Wesolek of Bay City were hired to complete details for the new church. Bids were let in May, 1962 and groundbreaking ceremonies were conducted by Thumb Dean Msgr. C. A. Roark on June 10, 1962.

Construction began immediately by the Consolidated Construction co. of Bay City on the new $100,000 church.

Formal cornerstone laying ceremonies were held on Sept. 9, 1962 by the Vicar General, Monsignor John J. Sonefeld.

The new 100 x 65 ft. church will seat 350 and is constructed of two-tone grey split stone and redwood. The interior of the church features 15 different woods, all in their natural finishings.

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Generous Spirit

MARBLE ALTAR and communion rails, and all other furnishings were donated by parishioners and friends.

Of special note was the generous donation of the entire estate of the late William Lynch, "for the purpose of completing the new St. Joseph Church at Mayville."

This is the kind of spirit, says pastor Fr. Pilarski, that permeates the lives of all St. Joseph Parishioners and what enabled such a small mission congregation to build such a beautiful home for their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Much of the work at the new church was done personally by the parishioners. A large parking area next to the church was completed and initial landscaping was begun for a parish cemetery.

Finishing touches were made just hours before the first mass

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All Groups Served in Once All-Polish Area—

St. Hyacinth Given Parish Limits

BAY CITY — On Oct. 4, 1905, Bishop Joseph Richter issued a decree for the establishment of St. Hyacinth parish to be organized in the southern part of St. Stanislaus parish. The location was the 3.5 acre plot on Cass and Michigan.

On Oct. 30, 1905, Fr. Edward Kozlowski, St. Stanislaus pastor, broke ground for the new church-school building.

Among those who witnessed the corner stone blessing on Oct. 14, 1906, was the present St. Hyacinth pastor, Msgr. Casimir T. Skowronski. Msgr. Skowronski was pastor of St. Hyacinth when the parish marked its golden jubilee.

On Sept. 4, 1907, Fr. Alexander Lipinski was appointed the first pastor of St. Hyacinth.

Bishop Richter dedicated the new church on the feast of the Immaculate Conception in 1907.

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New Church Built

FOLLOWING the death of Fr. Lipinski in October, 1918, Fr. Joseph A. Lewandowski was named St. Hyacinth pastor on Dec. 1, 1918.

In September, 1943, Msgr. Lewandowski was transferred to St. Stanislaus and Fr. Andrew Narloch became the third St. Hyacinth pastor.

Under Fr. Narloch the new St. Hyacinth church and rectory were built at a total cost of $270,000.

The cornerstone for the new church was blessed by Bishop Woznicki on Oct. 8, 1950.

Fr. Narloch never quite saw the completion of the new buildings for he died on Nov. 19, 1952. The first mass offered in the church was the Funeral Mass for the pastor.

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Present Pastor Appointed

JUST A MONTH later, on Dec. 23, 1952 Father Skowronski, pastor of St. Ignatius Church at Rogers City, received his appointment to St. Hyacinth.

The first few months of the present pastorate were spent in completing the church and rectory building and in supplying some of the equipment and furniture plus the landscaping of the grounds.

But it took two years to renew the former school-church building, to divide the auditorium into class rooms and to modernize the entire set-up according to the demands of the Public School authorities at Lansing. Joseph C. Goddeyne supplied the plans. It was a big job and very expensive. However, the effort was very much worth while and the children find it a pleasure to be enrolled at St. Hyacinth's.

In 1955, the convent took all our attention for it was necessary to recondition the former rectory, to add a chapel and five rooms in order to house the nine school-teaching Sisters and to provide for others should new classrooms be opened.

During the Golden Jubilee year of 1956, and the year of 1957, is was particularly planned to concentrate on the reduction of the parish loans, which stood at $274,000. The desire was "to get under the wire" and get on a safe footing, as the Bishop would put it, by bringing the loan down to $200,000. This was not too difficult.

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Parish Grows

DUE TO THE two subdivisions which opened up in the South End, the parish increased in numbers.

The two assistants, Father Kenneth Povish and Father Bela Torok, together with the pastor, found themselves very much occupied with parish duties of one kind and another.

In addition, the St. Vincent a Paul Society, the Legion of Mary and the Christian Doctrine Confraternity readily responded to all directives in the work of rescuing the weak in Faith and the poor in body and spirit.

Other parish organizations. In the jubilee year were: the Rosary society the Mothers club, St. Barbara's Benevolent society, St. Rosalie society, Young Ladies Sodality, and the Ladies Rosary Society, Children of Mary, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, School Band, Children's Missionary association, Junior Holy Name, and the Committee in charge of the Social Rooms.

The men belong to Athletic club, the Ushers club (who not only take up the church collection but stop after each Mass to account for it) and finally the Mens Holy Name who stage a breakfast and program after each monthly corporate Communion.

In the fall of 1958 the title of Rt. Rev. Monsignor was given the pastor. This put a premium upon the parish which celebrated the occasion in fitting style.

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Parish Changes

AS TIME WENT on the Parish changed face and took on a new personality. It was a Polish parish to begin with but now it has become a thoroughly American institution. The three subdivisions, with new parishioners and new names, have brought this about, to a a great extent.

However the full credit is due the high school and college graduates who multiply year by year. These have brought in a new outlook to the rising generation.

In fact, the Parish has changed externally as well. Once it was a settlement of many dark, drab houses which have since evolved into bright, light painted, modern and cheerful homes. Environment changes people also. Today, the frowns have become open, friendly, Christian smiles. Some day St. Hyacinth Parish may become two parishes if the membership continues to grow.

After fifty years of service, the school heating plant finally gave up the ghost. In fact, to avoid any major mishaps, the heating inspector advised a complete renovation of the entire heating system.

This was done. A power plant was built, two large oil furnaces were installed, vacuum pumps added and the whole pipe system revamped. This costly job was let to the E. C. Morin Heating and Plumbing concern and it works perfectly.

Soon after this, the school Hot Lunch program was instituted and placed in charge of Mrs. Frank Bobick and her helpers.

In order to clean up the playground, the school yard has been black-topped, first one half and then the other. We will feel more comfortable when the Church parking lot is also drained and covered.

With the growth of the parish, it was found necessary to open two class rooms in the basement of the school. This now gives us 10 teaching Sisters and four lay teachers. All of the school building has now been put to use with the exception of the two rooms on the third floor beside the auditorium.

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TV Classes

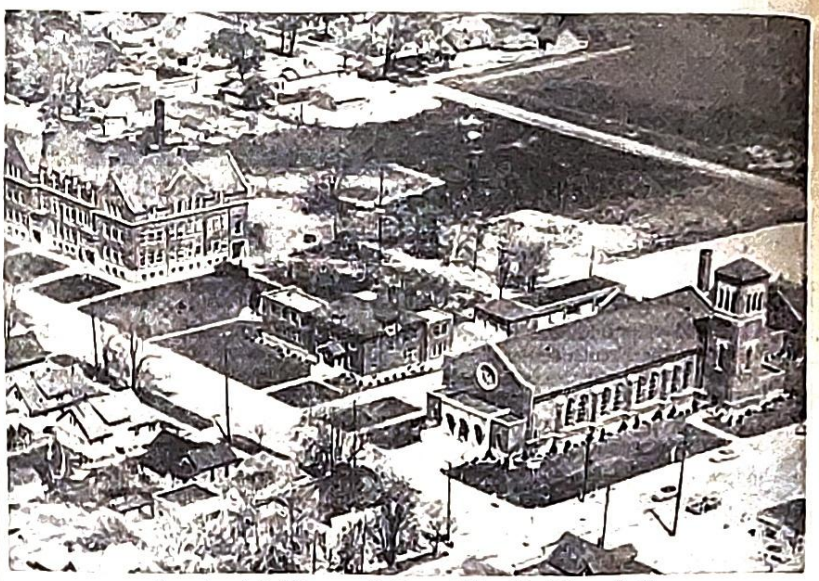
BENT ON keeping the St. Hyacinth school up to date in all respects, the Mothers club, under the tutelage, the Sister Superior went overboard to supply an intercommunication system.

When the September 1962 term opened, Sister Mary Severin, the present Superior, contracted for the TV instruction programs which are daily conducted in certain subjects.

About this time Miss Angeline Gasta donated to the parish a strip of land, 50' by 90', lying back of the Gasta property and bordering on the Play Field.

Even before the Golden Jubilee, the Athletic Club, known as the AC's was instrumental in the parish buying the John Piotrowski ten acres across Monroe street.

That plot plus the two lots owned by the Parish, the AC's converted into a beautiful play field providing for soft ball and baseball diamonds and a sand pit for the youngsters.



An Aerial View of Bay City St. Hyacinth

Since then the Club has purchased an adjacent lot to take in the Little League Team. All this is a superb accomplishment with nothing to compare in the Diocese. The audtorium floor of the school is used for basketball.

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Fieldhouse Built

NOT SATISFIED with that, the Club erected a commodious Fieldhouse fitted out with heat and water. To top it all, the membership is contemplating a Parish Auditorium some time in the future.

A Fatima shrine was erected between the convent and the school. The crowning of the statue by the Young Ladies Sodality takes place in May after a beautiful procession and public prayers before the Shrine.

The Church property in 1963 appears quite well laid out with cement sidewalks and drives put in by the men of the parish under the supervision of Anthony Jozwiak and Emil Misch. The parking lanes, too, seem quite sufficient.

As a prognosis of what will come upon all the parishes of Bay City, the Most Reverend Bishop assigned territorial lines to St. Hyacinth parish. This establishes St. Hyacinth as the Parish church for the Catholics living within the territory and makes the pastor responsible for their religious well-being.

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Religious Vocations

TWO YEARS AGO (February, 1961) the Father Marquette Club was organized by 25 men who tax themselves $1 per week and use the money to give a helping hand to the parents whose children are training for the sisterhood or priesthood.

At present four seminarians and three young ladies are in training.

When time has dulled the memory, it will be pleasant to refer to the following list of young ladies who, at one time or another have joined the Sisters of St. Felix and persevered in the Vineyard of the Lord: Sister M. Ann Budzinski, Sister M Liliose Strzezynski, Sister M. Sybille Gwitt, Sister M. Melchoir Wierzbicki, Sister M. Elizearia Janasik, Sister M. Bertrand Suchodolski, Sister M. Alvin Krawczyk, Sister M. Ferreria Swiencicki, Sister M. Methodia Majznerski, Sister M. Pachomia Szczesniak, Sister M. Simplicita Manczak, Sister M. Leandra Urban, Sister M. Evangeline Strzyzynski, Sister M. Eucharia Schultz.

Among the clergy, the following are sons of the parish: Fr. Leo Skornia, Fr. Bernard Skornia and Fr. Barney Janowicz.

Parish assistants have included: Fr. Chester Lipinski, Fr. Povish, Fr. Ben Roguszka, Fr. Torok, Fr. John Boguslawski, Fr. Arthur Mulka, Fr. Stanley Fron, Fr. John Kuchinski, Fr. Brumo Kaczmarczyk, Fr. John Kolevar, Fr. Virgil Gradowski, Fr. Marian Pawlowski, Fr. Richard Jozwiak, Fr. Ignatius Woloszyk, Fr. Bruno Janowicz, Fr. Henry Bobeck, Fr. Damien Krawczyk.

Before closing, let it be known that any success in the conduct of the parish has been attributed by the pastor to the Solemn Sacred Heart Novena conducted annually from Corpus Christi to the feast of the Sacred Heart.

Msgr. C. T. Skowronski
Present Pastor

Fr. Richard E. Jozwiak
Assistant Pastor

Fr. Bronislaus J. Janowicz
Assistant Pastor

Marlette

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organized and its first annual meeting held.

Highlights during this period on the spiritual side were a mission conducted by Fr. John Daly, C.S.C., on May 21-28, 1961 and two Confirmations by Bishop Woznicki. On June 12, 1959 the bishop confirmed 39 children and four adults and three years later on May 21, 1962 he confirmed 43 children and five adults.

St. Elizabeth parish obtained a Catholic cemetery on July 16, 1962 with the completion of a lease agreement between the Village of Marlette and Bishop Woznicki.

Bay City St. Stanislaus High School

St. Stanislaus High School Dedicated on Sept. 28, 1952

BAY CITY—The Polish history in Bay City begins with the arrival of a tailor, Louis Danielewski, in 1867.

By means of letters and ads, he encouraged Poles who had left the mother country because of religious, political or economic difficulties to organize a Polish settlement in Bay City.

In 1874 these men formed the St. Stanislaus Kostka Association and members agreed to contribute a certain sum each month toward a fund for the building of a church.

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Parish Develops

W. D. FITZHUGH donated a site of eight lots on the corner of Grant and 22nd Streets to the Polish for their church.

The first St. Stanislaus church was built in 1874.

On March 29, 1875, Bishop Borgess appointed Fr. Casimir Rochowski as first pastor.

On Oct. 13, 1876, Fr. Augustine Sklarzyk was appointed St. Stanislaus pastor.

Fr. Sklarzyk rented Rychert's store on Farragut Street as a school. Enrollment increased rapidly from an original 20 and a new frame building was built as a school.

In 1876, Mother Monica of the Felican Sisters agreed to send nuns to teach in St. Stanislaus school.

In 1885, Fr. Sklarzyk left the parish.

On March 27, 1886, Fr. Marion Matkowski was appointed third resident pastor of St. Stanislaus parish.

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New Church Built

THE CORNERSTONE for a new St. Stanislaus Church was blessed on June 24, 1890. The church was completed in 1892. It was dedicated by Bishop Richter on Monday, July 18, 1892.

Fr. Anthony Bogacki succeeded Fr. Matkowski and remained at St. Stanislaus from October 1, 1896 to March 18, 1897.

The Church was closed and placed under an interdict to June 18, 1898.

Father, later Monsignor, Joseph A. Lewandowski was appointed as assistant to St. Mary's and charged with the spiritual needs of the members of St. Stanislaus parish.

On June 18, 1898, Bishop Richter had the church opened and left it in the temporary administration of Fr. Lewandowski. On Jan. 6, 1900, Fr. Edward Kozlowski was named St. Stanislaus pastor.

The cornerstone for a new St. Stanislaus school was blessed on Oct. 16, 1910 by Bishop Paul P. Rhode, the first United States Bishop of Polish descent.

On Jan. 25, 1914, Fr. Ladislaus P. Krakowski was appointed pastor of St. Stanislaus. A new rectory was built in 1921 and a new convent in 1925.

A high school was organized in 1925. In 1932 the high school was discontinued because of lack of funds.

Father C. M. Niedzwiecki
Present Pastor

Fr. Krakowski died on July 15, 1943. He was succeeded by Msgr. Lewandowski.

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High School Built

BY 1952, the parish totalled 1600 families.

The groundbreaking for the new St. Stanislaus high school took place on March 5, 1951 with Msgr. Lewandowski officiating.

Taking part in the ceremony were the following members of the parish building committee: Theodore M. Niedzielski, chairman, Andrew S. Permoda, Eugene L. Helminiak, Alex M. Krzyminski and Anthony F. Bielawski.

The new high school was formally dedicated on Sept. 28, 1952, by Bishop Woznicki. He was assisted by Bishop Thomas L. Noa of Marquette and Msgr. John J. Sonefeld, vicar general of the Saginaw Diocese.

On June 24, 1953, Msgr. Lewandowski resigned as St. Stanislaus pastor and assumed temporary duties as chaplain of St. Francis Home in Saginaw. Later he went to live in the Southwest.

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Present Pastor

ON JUNE 24, 1953, Fr. Clement M. Niedzwiecki was transferred from Holy Rosary Parish, Saginaw, to St. Stanislaus parish.

The new pastor was formally installed by Msgr. George O. Dequoy, Dean of the Bay Deanery. William Markiecki and Edmund Luptowski represented the parish as official witnesses.

On June 30, 1953, the Bishop appointed the new pastor to the Board of Diocesan Consultors with the title of Very Reverend.

One of the major problems confronting the parish at this time was the unpaid balance of the high school debt in the sum of $270,000. This debt was paid in full on March 17, 1958.

At the same time, the high school machine shop was fully equipped. New school desks, new lighting fixtures and new washroom equipment was installed in the grade school. All the parish buildings were reconditioned and painted.

In 1962, the parish painted and renovated the interior of the church at an approximate cost of $130,000.

Apart from the preceding developments and improvements, the St. Stanislaus Athletic Club has succeeded during the past few years in constructing a well designed athletic field and fieldhouse.

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Religious Vocations

GOD BLESSED the parish with numerous vocations to the priesthood and sisterhoods. According to the latest statistics there are in religious life 12 priests, 75 nuns with the Felician Sisters and six nuns in other communities.

Priests—Rev. S. Nowakowski.

Parish Assistants

Fr. Harold R. Sikorski

Fr. Kenneth A. Lerczak

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tion of the present pastor, Father Messing, these plans were taken up again.

Shortly after his appointment a study was made by the pastor and the Church Committee — then comprised of Paul Alfano, Dan Erla, Kenneth Maharg, Eugene Smentek, and Noah Parmer — regarding the need of a new church.

Advice of the Bishop was sought and further study was made regarding the question of re-locating St. Pancratius parish to a larger plot of ground and on Highway M-81.

In the summer of 1961, it was decided finally that re-locating was not feasible, owing to the investments made at the present property and the difficulty and expense of obtaining another suitable site.

Shortly after this decision was reached Father Messing received permission to engage the services of Morris and Wesolek, architects of Bay City, for the purpose of drawing up preliminary sketches for a proposed new St. Pancratius church. Towards the end of 1961 final approval of the plans was received.

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Work on Church Starts

BY THIS TIME, thanks to the generosity of the parishioners of St. Pancratius parish, there was a sum of $50,000 on hand. But it was very clear to everyone that if a new church was to be built even greater sacrifices were necessary.

Thus in November of 1961, a "Sacrificial Offertory Campaign" was launched. This proved to be very successful, bringing the parish annual income up to $30,000.

With this annual budget to work with plus what was on hand, the bishop granted permission to build a new church and to borrow $75,000 for the purpose of constructing it. Nine general contractors submitted bids on the construction. The contract was awarded to Wm. D. Gregory Construction co. of Bay City for $143,000.

On May 6th, 1962, sixty years after the first Catholic church in Cass City was started, ground was broken and construction got underway. Blessing and laying of the cornerstone took place on Aug. 5, 1962.

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Present Status

AT THE PRESENT time there are between 175 and 200 families in St. Pancratius parish. A number of Catholic families moved to Cass City in 1960 and 1961 when the General Insulated Wire Works, Inc., of New Jersey built a new factory here. It now employs about 300 people. It has been a lift to the Catholic population of Cass City.

At the present time there are 150 elementary children attending religious instruction classes every Monday afternoon. These classes are conducted by the Dominican Sisters of Gagetown and one lay teacher. On Monday evenings 45 High School students receive religious instructions from the pastor.

A parish Credit Union was established in January, 1961. It has continued to show gradual progress during the first two years.

The parishioners of St. Pancratius Parish exemplify a remarkable spirit of Catholicism. They are very generous and cooperative. Thanks to this fine spirit and the many pastors who have labored here, this parish has grown from a humble mission of 35 families to its present size of nearly 200 families.

With God's grace it will continue to grow, perhaps even faster, with the new church which has been built for the greater honor and glory of God.

1901; Rev. Francis Kaczmarek, 1901; Rev. Casimir Skowronski, 1913; Rev. Vincent Balcer, 1920; Rev. Constance Skowronski, 1920; Rev. John Grzybowski, 1926; Rev. Edward Maciejewski, 1929; Rev. Leo Zielinski, 1929; Rev. Edward Milka, 1931; Rt. Rev. Arthur Bukowski, 1933; Rev. E. Kubiak, 1934; and Rev. Leon Skornia, 1942.

Felician Sisters—S. M. Bridget Jakubczak, S. M. Gertrude Cyranski, S. M. Rose Kalamajka, S. M. Tobia Erackowiak, S. M. Jacobina Wisniewski, S. M. Maura Musial.

S. M. Candida Musial, S. M. Amata Krolikowski, S. M. Celine Kslazkiewicz, S. M. Clara Niezurowski, S. M. Lucina Niezurowski, S. M. Columba Wisniewski.

S. M. Philipina Owczarzak, S. M. Policarp Kslazkiewicz, S. M. Valesia Kslazkiewicz, S. M. Pachomia Szczesniak, S. M. Gratiana Skibinski, S. M. Sylvia Samerdyk.

S. M. Febronia Sroka, S. M. Julianne Kaczmarek, S. M. Pazzis Szymanski, S. M. Simon Jonas, S. M. Leandra Urban, S. M. Theophane Purol.

S. M. Bernardine Szczesniak, S. M. Clarissa Lewandowski, S. M. Nemesia Lewandowski, S. M. Fedelissima Janowicz, S. M. Alice Gatza, S. M. Xavier Ozminski.

S. M. Benedicta Kolat, S. M. Constance Rynalski, S. M. Annunciata Smielewski, S.M. Benvenuta Jankowiak, S. M. Maximina Wojciechowski, S. M. Lucille Sieja.

S. M. Amancia Mindykowski, S. M. Fidencia Skowronski, S. M. Julia II Tomczak, S. M. Dulcissima Delestowicz, S. M. Alcantara Paluszak, S. M. Vincentia Nadolski.

S. M. Lazaria Smarszcz, S. M. Olivia Hintz, S. M. Florence Kazyak, S. M. Elzearia Janasik, S. M. Fidencia II Skowronski, S. M. Hospicia Kubiak, S. M. Clementine Nadolski, S. M. Dorothy Kubczak, S. M. Simplicita Manczak, S. M. Walburga Grabowski, S. M. Sylvine Kulczak, S. M. Gregory Maslanka.

S. M. Assumpta Klimas, S. M. Pacifica Andrzejewski, S. M. Cassilda Andrzejewski, S. M. Justine Smarszcz, S. M. Celine Linkowski, S. M. Hubert Golk.

S. M. Dulcis Timm, S. M. Raphael Switala, S. M. Euphrasia Owczarzak, S. M. Gerald Budnik, S. M. Audrey Pawlak.

S. M. Paschal Switala, S. M. Vianney Agdanowski, S. M. Leopold Lobodzinski, S. M. Maximina II Owczarzak, S. M. Nazarita Przygocki.

S. M. Ronald Gwizdala, S. M. Manuela Rezler, S. M. Mercita Kula and S. M. Martinez Rozek, S. M. Albina Wrobel, S. M. Pierre Drzewicki.

Mercy Sister of the Union—S. M. Constance Malawa and S. M. Clarice Szeszulski.

Dominican Sisters, Grand Rapids—S. M. Eligia Timm.

Visitation Order of Contemplatives, Toledo—S. M. Veronica Skowronski.

Sister of Bon Secours, Baltimore—S. M. Theresa Balcer.

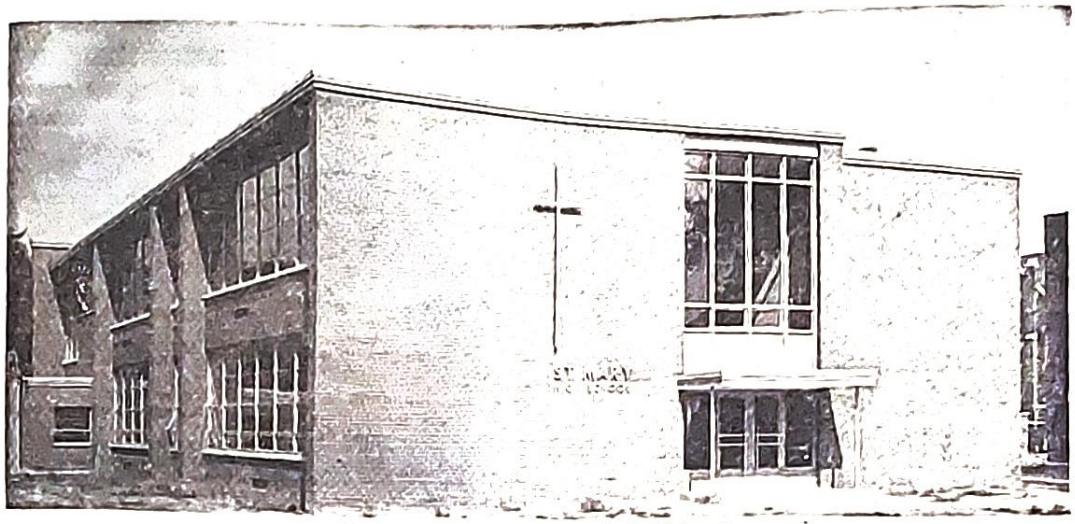
Sister Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Monroe—S. M. Alexander Gatza.

New School Honors Prisoner of Chinese

HONG KONG, (NC)—A school for children of refugees from Red China scheduled to open here in September has been named in honor of Bishop James E. Walsh, M.M., American missioner serving a 20-year sentence in a Red Chinese prison.

The school, built in the parish of Father Howard D. Trube, M.M., of the Bronx, N.Y., in a refugee resettlement area of Kowloon, will hold close to 2,500 pupils in double session and evening classes.

BISHOP WALSH was born in Cumberland, Md., on April 30, 1891, and ordained to the priesthood in 1915. Three years later he left with the first Maryknoll mission band for the missions of China.



Bay City St. Mary High School

New St. Mary High School Dedicated on Oct. 2, 1955

BAY CITY—The year 1873 saw the beginning of St. Mary Parish, West Bay City, then called Wenona. Pius IX was Pope. Grant was President. The first pastor was Fr. Martin Godfried Canters.

Fr. Henry J. H. Schutjes became pastor in 1880. He built the present St. Mary church (1881); first convent (1887), and established St. Mary Grade school (1888). St. Mary of the Assumption Church was blessed in 1881 by the Bishop Borgess. The famous bell of St. Mary's church was blessed in honor of St. Roch on July 4, 1883 by Bishop Richter of Grand Rapids.

The third pastor was the Rev. J. G. Sanson, appointed in 1888. The grade school was opened in 1890. Father Sanson founded, Notre Dame de la Visitation, daughter parish of St. Mary's for the French people and became its first pastor in 1895.

The fourth pastor was Rev. Joseph B. Schrembs 1895-1900. He built the present grade school which served as a grade and high school. He opened the high school in 1899. In 1911 Father Schrembs was consecrated Auxiliary Bishop of Grand Rapids. He became the first Bishop of Toledo, Ohio, and Archbishop of Cleveland, Ohio.

Fr. Edward A. Caldwell, fifth pastor, completed the building of the new school.

Sixth pastor, Fr. Thomas J. Delanty, built the present convent in 1916 and the rectory in 1920-22.

Fr. Thomas J. Reid, seventh pastor, brick-veneered the wooden church and for this purpose borrowed $41,000.

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Fr. Van Colen

THE EIGHTH pastor took possession on April 9, 1931. Like two of his predecessors, Fr. Charles Van Colen made his theological studies at the American College, University of Louvain.

At his arrival the parish debt was $16,000. In view of the terrible depression then prevailing (1927-37) this amount was terrifying. The debt was not paid in full until 1939.

The years 1931 to 1938 were probably the most trying period in the history of the parish. At no time were the total yearly revenues $19,000. With these small funds the parish was kept in full operation, including high and grade school, twelve grades in all. For lack of funds some parishes were forced to close their high school departments. St. Mary's kept its high school doors wide open. This, in the estimation of the pastor, is relatively considered one of the greatest achievements of the parish during his pastorate.

Fr. Charles Van Colen
Present Pastor

In 1942 the one-manual organ in St. Mary church was rebuilt into an electro-pneumatic organ, including a new two manual all-electric console, grill etc. Estimated cost was $3,000. In 1954, a new chest, cost $1,800, was installed in the organ. The organ was then worth $16,000 or $17,000.

In 1943-44-45-48 St. Mary Church invested a total of $45,520.00 in U.S. government Bonds.

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Our Lady of Victory Shrine

IN JUNE, 1946, St. Mary's Victory Mothers' club began the erection of a beautiful Shrine to Our Lady of Victory on the parish grounds. It was blessed and dedicated on Aug. 15, 1946 in honor of St. Mary's parishioners who served in World War II.

In 1947 St. Mary Athletic Association purchased a seven-acre piece of property known as Michigan Central Athletic Field, on North Henry st., from the New York Central System for $4,000 to be used as an athletic field for St. Mary parish.

A charter was presented to St. Mary's Boy Scout troop after Holy Hour Adoration in St. Mary church on Oct. 3, 1947.

At the request of Bay City in 1948, a portion of the property of St. Mary Athletic Field was given to the city for the purpose of extending Mosher Street West of Dean Street. The same year $2,741.50 was paid out for the purpose of tiling and draining the Athletic Field. A fence was installed for $3,489.

In 1953 the first section of the Field House was constructed. In 1956 the Bay City Board of Education made available to St. Mary parish without cost, one of their quonset huts. This hut was attached to the existing section of the field house.

In 1953 St. Mary parish launched out on a half-million-dollar building program which included a new modern high school, auditorium-gymnasium and central heating plant.

For years the parish negotiated with the Bay City Public School Board for the purpose of buying the Park School site on which to build the new school. No agreement could be reached.

The parish then decided not to hold up the building program any longer and bought approximately one half of the block facing Linn Street between E. S. Union and Clara Streets. On this property were six homes all occupied. The cost was more than $62,000.

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School Work Starts

BISHOP Woznicki was guest speaker at St. Mary's P.T.A. Annual Founders' Day Banquet on Feb. 10, 1954.

At that time Mrs. William E. McCarthy was president of St. Mary's P.T.A. She was also First Vice-president of the Bay City P.T.A. Council. St. Mary's P.T.A. was founded Sept. 27, 1925. It is proud of its close affiliation with the City Public Schools which belong to the Catholic as well as to the non-Catholic citizens. For reasons of civic interest and community spirit it has always rejected any suggestion to discontinue membership with the P.T.A.

Bids for the new high school gymnasium and central heating plant were opened March 17, 1954. The figures were disappointingly high. The lowest combined bid was $139,141. It was unanimously decided that the parish could not finance a $139,000 project and that the building of the gymnasium would have to be postponed and that new bids on a central heating plant and high school without the gymnasium be taken. Under the new bids opened May 21, 1954, the program would cost some $336,700.

Ground breaking for the new school took place June 27, 1954. On June 27, 1954 the parish had on hand $116,000. It would borrow $200,000 and raise $59,000 from current pledges. On July 6, 1954 St. Mary Church negotiated a loan of $170,000. from the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company at 4¼ per cent interest.

Monsignor John J. Sonefeld, Vicar general, officiated at the blessing of the cornerstone on Nov. 7, 1954.

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School Delicated

ON OCT. 2, 1955 at 2:30 p.m. St. Mary's new modern high school was dedicated by Bishop Woznicki. He was assisted by Monsignor Sonefeld.

Fr. Neil O'Connor, a former St. Mary's parishioner, editor of the Catholic Weekly and pastor of St. Andrew Church, Saginaw, was deacon. Fr. George S. Artman, pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Gladwin, and a former assistant at St. Mary's was subdeacon. Fr. Robert J. Pelletier, a former St. Mary parishioner, was Cross-bearer.

Fr. James A. Hickey was master of ceremonies. Bishop Woznicki gave the sermon.

St. Mary's Men choir, under the direction of Eugene F. Derleg, sang. Miss Helen Flajole was at the organ. Assisting Monsignor Sonefeld were Fr. Robert G. Navarre and Fr. Frederick J. Maynard, both former assistants at St. Mary.

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Park Site Acquired

ON FEB. 15, 1956 the chancellor of the diocese informed the pastor that the Park School Site now belongs to St. Mary Church.

The price was $10,000 for the site including the Park School building.

On March 19, 1957 St. Mary School Lunch Program was established. It has been in successful operation ever since with much commendation from government inspectors.

Fr. DeWitt
Parish Assistant

In 1957 a new floor of plywood and tile and new pews and new kneelers were installed in the church. Total cost was $20,000.

In 1958 the priest sacristry was modernized and a new safe installed. Cost was $1,771.72. The parking area and playground on the former Park School Site were improved. Total cost was $1,011.

The interior of St. Mary Church was cleaned and painted and the exterior of the church was painted. Cost was $4,000. Water pipe and water heater in rectory was replaced. Cost was $1,212.71.

In 1959 windows of the church were repaired. Cost was $2,152.99. Other repairs on the church plus repairs on the convent, rectory and school for 1959 totaled $5,060.99. The kitchen in the rectory was modernized. Cost was $2,391.00.

In 1959 two new confessionals were installed in the church. Total cost was $3,335.18. The R. D. Stapish Funeral Home gave a donation of $2,500 for the confessionals in memory of Raphael D. Stapish.

In 1960 improvements and repairs to the extent of $5,355.86 were made. In 1961 a new hot water system was installed in the old school, new plumbing done in the rectory and exterior of the new high school was painted. Cost was $4,309.60.

A new cement walk installed on city property south of the high school cost the parish $500.

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Pastor Honored

THE FOLLOWING article appeared in the Bay City Times June 26, 1961:

"The Rev. Fr. Charles Van Colen was called a 'true man of God,' by the Rev. Fr. Thomas R. Horton, at testimonial dinner for the veteran priest last night. Upwards of 100 people attended the dinner honoring the 30-year pastor of St. Mary at the parish auditorium.

The parish presented Father Van Colen with a round-trip ticket to Rome, Italy, a purse, an oil painting of the honoree, and a scroll including the names of all who participated in the event.

Among the celebration guests were members of Fr. Van Colen's immediate family, pastors of the city, former assistants who have served under Fr. Van Colen since coming to St. Mary in 1931, former students of St. Mary School who have become priests and pairsh seminarians.

Fr. Horton likened the veteran pastor to a genuine jewel which has withstood the acid test of time. He said Father Van Colen was the kind of priest God wanted him to be".

Father Van Colen thanked the parishioners for the gifts and tributes.

The testimonial committee consisted of treasurer G. M. Heller, who also arranged for the scroll, Mrs. Robert Gies, dinner chairman, Mrs. Daniel O'Leary, dining room chairman, Mrs. Roy Robb, decorations, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hill, Frank Salogar, Vincent White, Mrs. William McCarthy, Mrs. Joseph Rosbach, Chester Pawloski and Mr. and Mrs. Martin McFarland."

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Recent Progress

FOR CHRISTMAS, 1961, the parish received two beautiful gifts from Joseph E. Brissette; a new pulpit valued at $3,500 and a new public address system valued at $450. Both gifts were completely donated and installed by Mr. Brissette without any cost to the parish.

The following work was done in 1962: remodel two bathrooms in rectory; decorate convent chapel, apply ceiling tile in community room and dining room; painting; install stair tread and light fixtures and rewire con-

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New Lease on Life for Historic St. James—

School Sets 'Standard of Quality'

BAY CITY—The Bay City schools are setting the building pace for the Diocese of Saginaw, and Bay City St. James has set the "standard of quality" for other schools in the See to shoot at.

So declared Bishop Wozniecki in remarks at the May 15, 1955 dedication banquet for the new St. James High school here.

In an earlier talk at the investiture of St. James' pastor, Msgr. Daniel J. Wynne, as a domestic prelate, Bishop Wozniecki called the dedication of the new school a great day in the history of the parish and one of the great days in the history of the Diocese.

He declared that Msgr. Wynne undertook a job in building his great new school which many a younger pastor would have refused.

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Re-Birth of Parish

AT THE banquet the St. James' claim as the oldest parochial co-educational high school in the United States was reviewed. It was pointed out that St. James High School had been preceded by three Catholic secondary schools but that these were for girls only.

Building of the new St. James school marked a rebirth in the parish at the start of the second half of the 20th century.

The first St. James High school was started by Fr. H. J. H. Schutjes, first pastor of St. James, who arranged in 1872 for Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati to staff a school for the parish.

With construction under way, Fr. Schutjes was transferred to the Detroit chancery and Fr. Thomas J. Rafter was appointed to succeed him on May 15, 1873. The building was completed and the school begun in the pastorate of Fr. Rafter.

Although planned by Fr. Schutjes as a school for "the female youth of said parish" Fr. Rafter changed the plans in that particular and opened a co-educational four-year high school with 12 grades on Sept. 1, 1873.

The school has been in continuous operation since on a twelve grade basis. The Sisters of Charity have been with the school since August 25, 1873.

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Convent Enlarged

TO MAKE provisions for the increased number of teachers for the enlarged High school, St. James convent was greatly enlarged in 1952.

The fireproof construction unit practically doubled the size of the convent. It provided 17 cells, as well as kitchen, dining room, utility and laundry rooms.

The $120,000 cost of the addition was paid off in full with completion of the work.

St. James High school is fully accredited by the University of Michigan and the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges.

Architect for the block-long $750,000 three-story high school was Joseph C. Goddeyne of Bay City. The R. C. Hendrick Company of Saginaw was awarded the general contract.

Other contractors were: plumbing and heating—A. W. Eurich of Bay City; electrical work — Smith-Maynard of Bay City; kitchen equipment — Kirchman Bros., of Bay City; laboratory equipment—E. H. Sheldon Co., of Muskegon.

Henry W. Ewald was employed on May 5, 1953, as clerk of the works. Due to poor health he yielded his position in a short while to Earl T. Shaw.

It was the duty of the clerk of the works to see that the plans and specifications were compiled with.

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Classes Start

TOOL SHEDS were erected on Friday, April 24, 1953. On Wednesday, April 29, the school fence was removed and the trees uprooted in preparation of the ground for the new high school. Actual construction commenced on May 4, 1953.

Msgr. John J. Sonefeld, vicar general of the diocese, blessed the cornerstone at 2 p.m., Friday, Nov. 6. He was assisted by Fr. Charles A. Mahoney as master of ceremonies, and Fr. Wynne and Fr. Robert C. Pelletier.

Fr. Ignatius O'Brien, then the other assistant, was called away on a sick call just as the exercises were starting.

Within the cornerstone was placed a copper box containing the following articles: a list of all parishioners (the financial statement of the preceding year); a list of all the school children of the parish, the program of the Senior play: "Sing A Song of Sixteen," and an account of the opening bids for the new school, relics of many saints and Roman documents testifying to the genuineness of the relics, a miraculous medal of the Blessed Virgin, a St. Joseph medal and a Scapular medal.

There was also an encouraging account of Mother Seton's cause for canonization, as well as a third class relic of the now saint.

The new school opened for regular classes on Monday morning, Dec. 13, 1954. It was opened for public inspection on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 12, from noon until 7:30 p.m.

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Pastor Honored

THE DEDICATION booklet distributed on May 15 declared:

"A school that has blazed a new way in Catholic American education has reason to pause at this milestone to rejoice at what has been accomplished in the past 82 years and to gird itself for coping with the problems that confront humanity in our time.

"Big changes have taken place in the world since the people of this parish, under the inspired leadership of Fr. Schutjes and Fr. Rafter, built the original St. James' school, which besides having a grade department for the younger school, had the first Catholic parochial co-educational high school in the United States.

"The spirit of courage and zeal of that early day has not been weakened, but rather strengthened by the passing of time. If those courageous pioneers could come back to us today they would be amazed at what the people of this generation have done."

The booklet also noted: "It is indeed fitting that on the day of dedication of the high school, May 15, 1955, Msgr. Wynne was invested with the robes of his rank as domestic prelate by the Most Rev. Stephen S. Woznicki."

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Financial Success Story

A TRIBUTE to St. James parish and the last decade of the pastorate of Msgr. Wynne is found in financial figures of the parish.

Total cost of the high school, with furniture and equipment, was $774,000. This included a new heating system.

The two-room frame building which was built as temporary school cost $11,500. Addition of two washrooms in connection with the gym cost $3,200. The addition to the convent cost nearly $130,000.

Total cost of these projects was $917,771.30. With interest, this figure would nudge the million-dollar mark, but as of this August the St. James debt stands at only about $50,000.

The Sacred Heart statue now standing on the front lawn of St. James' rectory was the gift of Mrs. Emily Gwizdala in memory of her departed husband. It was imported from Italy and dedicated on Sunday, Sept. 23, 1956, by Msgr. Wynne.

The statue of St. James in the foyer of the high school was also donated by Mrs. Gwizdala in 1955.

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Church Renovated

ST. JAMES' venerable pipe organ ran into sporadic troubles in the forties and fifties and finally gave out in the sixties. It was replaced by a Wurlitzer Reed organ.

During 1962 and early 1963, St. James Church was completely redecorated and renovated by the John Kirsch Company of Milwaukee. The lighting system in the church was completely revamped and improved.

Prior to the redecoration, the church was re-roofed. A special fund drive was launched in the parish for this "pay-as-you-go project."

In 1952, Fr. Angelus M. Kopp launched a very successful inquiry class at St. James. He baptized 11 on June 13, 1952. The inquiry classes have been an annual feature at St. James since that time.

The Newman club now at Delta College was organized by Fr. Ignatius L. O'Brien while he was an assistant at St. James.

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Msgr. Wynne Dies

ON SUNDAY, April 21, 1957, Fr. Anthony Schumacher, who had been in residence at St. James parish, died at Mercy Hospital. Bishop Wozniecki pontificated at the funeral on April 25 at St. James Church.

The sermon was given by Fr. Neil O'Connor, editor of The Catholic Weekly edition for the Dioceses of Saginaw and Lansing and pastor of Saginaw St. Andrew parish.

On Nov. 10, 1961, St. James received a bequest of $25,175.33 from the Ann E. Deegan Estate. The Propagation of the Faith received a like amount. Ann Deegan was an aged school teacher. She had instructed in St. James grade school on several occasions.

Following a lengthy illness, Msgr. Wynne died at Mercy Hospital on Feb. 22, of this year.

Celebrant at his pontifical requiem in St. James Church was Bishop Wozniecki.

Because of Fr. Frederick J. Maynard's illness, his sermon for the occasion was read by Fr. James A. Hickey, rector of St. Paul's Seminary. Fr. Maynard paid tribute to Msgr. Wynne as the "diocesan priest at his best."

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Present Pastor

SUCCEEDING Msgr. Wynne as St. James pastor was Fr. Charles W. Burkhardt. He was installed on Wednesday, March 20, at 7:30 p.m. by Msgr. George O. Dequoy, dean of the Bay Deanery.

Witnesses were St. James Church committee members in this 25th year of the Saginaw Diocese: George Jacobs, Al Rinz, Anthony Freiders, Bernard F. Sauve, and Dennis Goddeyne.

As the first major project of St. James Parish in his pastorate, Fr. Burkhardt looks to the improvement of the grade school situation. Under consideration are plans for massive renovation of the present grade school building.

Over the years St. James' pastors have included Fr. Schutjes, Fr. Rafter, Fr. John E. Troy, Fr. Edward Caldwell, Msgr. Wynne, and the present pastor, Fr. Charles Burkhardt.

Priests who have assisted at

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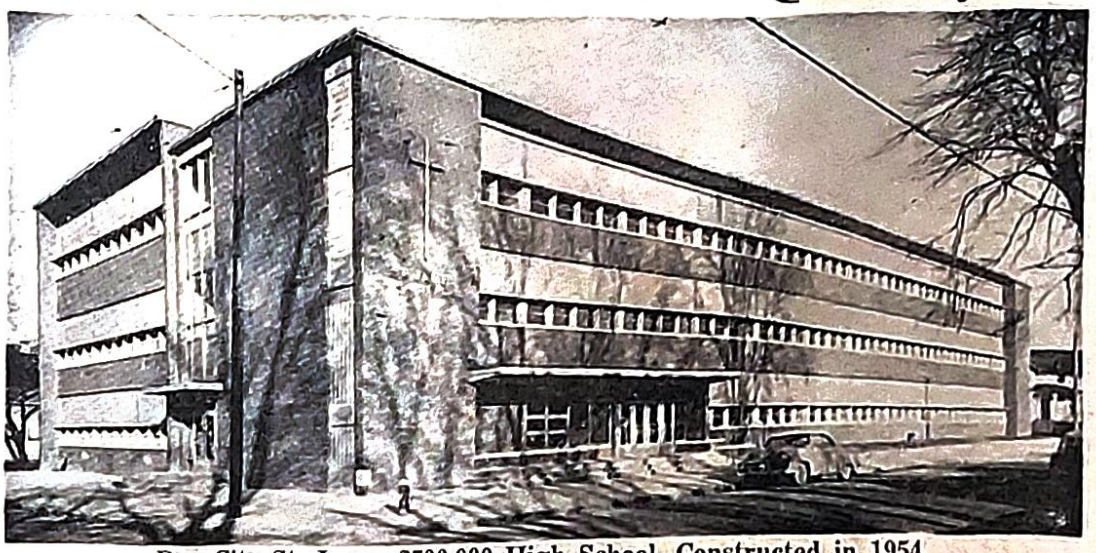

Bay City St. James $700,000 High School, Constructed in 1954

Fr. Charles W. Burkhardt
Present Pastor

Fr. Donald J. Eppenbrock
Parish Assistant

Msgr. Daniel J. Wynne
Deceased Feb. 22, 1963

Church Renovation Highlight of Recent St. Boniface History

BAY CITY—St. Boniface parish was established in 1874 to fill the spiritual needs of the German speaking people of this area. The first building, a combination church and school, was completed under the leadership of Father Rockowski in 1875.

The lower portion of the building was used for school purposes, and the upper part for divine worship. The pastor's residence was in the rear of the combination edifice situated on McKinley Avenue and North Birney street.

Father Rockowski appears to have remained a little over a year, as the parish appears to have been served by Father Johannes Thoma from 1876 to 1879.

In 1878 a Sisters' house was built adjoining the Church and school, and the Dominican Sisters of Grand Rapids were invited to direct the school. Sister Aquinas, later to become Mother General, was the first Superior.

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First Church Consecrated

FATHER THOMA was succeeded by Father Joseph Ebert who remained here until he was replaced by Father John G. Wyss in March 1888. Father Wyss purchased adjacent ground on McKinley Avenue and North Birney street as an addition to the school property, and, also, other ground on Lincoln and McKinley avenues for the purpose of erecting a new church and rectory.

Cornerstone of the new Church was laid on Oct. 11, 1896, by Bishop Richter of Grand Rapids. The sermon was delivered by Father Joseph Schrembs, then pastor of St. Mary's, Bay City, who was later to become Bishop of Cleveland, Ohio. When this Church was completed, it was consecrated by Bishop Richter on June 4, 1899.

St. Boniface Church has the unique distinction of having been the first Church to be consecrated in the Diocese of Grand Rapids.

In 1904, after 16 years without a permanent residence, Father Wyss built the present rectory.

It was also in 1904, that Father Wyss was instrumental in locating Holy Rosary academy in Bay City for the Sisters of St. Dominic, who were previously located in Essexville, and whose academy had fallen victim to the tragedy of fire.

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New School Built

AS TIME WENT on, new school facilities were required, and ground was broken for a new school which was completed in 1920. The building measured 86x70 feet, and cost $75,000. It was considered the most modern school in this area.

Father Wyss lived to celebrate his golden jubilee as pastor of St. Boniface. He died in 1942, after serving as pastor of this parish for 54 long and fruitful years.

He was succeeded by Father John A. Mulvey who was appointed and installed as pastor of St. Boniface on July 15, 1912, and served the parish for 17 years, during which time he purchased a residence at 601 N. Lincoln ave., to serve as a convent for the Dominican Sisters teaching in St. Boniface School who had been residing for some years at the Holy Rosary academy. In 1950, Father Mulvey added a new modern wing to the school at a cost of $87,000.

Due to illness, Father Mulvey resigned his pastorate of St. Boniface in September, 1959, and soon after left for Miami, Fla., where he died Nov. 7, 1959. He was buried Nov. 12 from St. Boniface Church with interment in Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Big Rapids.

On Sept. 29, 1959, Father Mulvey was succeeded by Father Elmer J. Betzing, then pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Caro. It was at this time, also, that Father William J. Walsh, retired pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Kawkawlin, took up residence at St. Boniface.

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Church Renovated

IN APRIL 1961, reconditioning the exterior of the Church, consisting of point-tucking all the brick work, repairing the steeples, gold leafing the crosses, repairing the roof, rebuilding the front steps, painting the wood work, etc., was started and completed in May, 1962 at a cost of about $13,000.

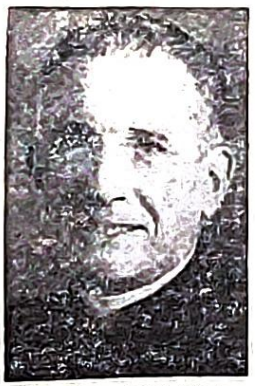
A two-story frame residence at 600 N. Lincoln Avenue (south of the present convent) was purchased in January, 1962 as part of a future project to erect a new modern convent for the Sisters teaching in St. Boniface school.

In July 1962 the front entrance of the parish rectory was modernized; all wood work painted; the heating system overhauled; new front sidewalks laid and the grounds landscaped.

According to available parish records, St. Boniface parish has given four sons to the Priesthood. Fr. H. P. Maus seems to have been the first priest ordained from the parish in 1895; followed by Fr. Michael H. Wolf in 1912; Fr. Bernard J. Kirchman in 1945, and Fr. Richard E. VanMullekom in 1956.

At the present time, St. Boniface Parish has five boys in the Seminary preparing for the Priesthood: Robert Walsh, in Sacred Heart seminary, Detroit; John Quinn and Kenneth Ayotte, in St. Paul Seminary, Saginaw; Charles Mish, in Mt. St. Paul College, Waukeeshau, Wis., and Robert Craves, now a Novice in the Society of the Divine Saviour at Mt. St. Paul College, Waukeeshau.

There are, also, four young ladies of the parish preparing for the Religious life at Marywood, Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters, Grand Rapids; Sister Joan Marie, O.P. (Mary Sabourin) now a Novice; Dolores Gasta, Cynthia Mish and Margaret McGeehan are aspirants.



Fr. Elmer J. Betzing
Present Pastor

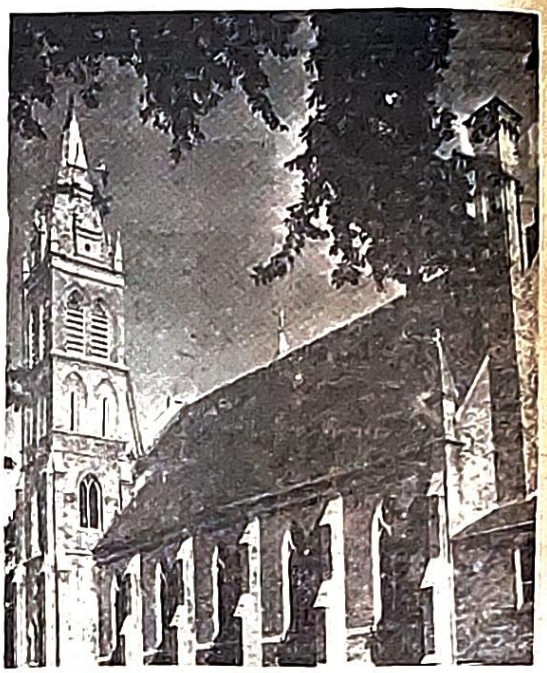
Fr. William J. Walsh

Race Council

The Catholic Interracial Council as an organized part of the Interracial Movement was founded in New York City in 1934. It was established to combat prejudice and to strive for equal justice for all.

The Council publishes the Interracial Review. Its work is educational, also, and is carried on through a Speakers' Bureau.

THE CATHOLIC Interracial Center was founded in New York in 1939. It is a meeting place and reading room for exhibiting the work of the Catholic Church in this country for the Negro.



REPAIRING THE steeple of Bay City St. Boniface was just one of the many tasks undertaken by the parish recently.

Decade of Building at Bay City Holy Trinity

BAY CITY—Under the able administration of Father Edwin A. Kirchoff, the new Holy Trinity church was constructed at a cost of $225,000. The church was dedicated in June, 1950.

Father Kirchoff died Dec. 14, 1951. His contributions to the spiritual and temporal welfare of the parish were many.

Many converts came into the church while he was pastor.

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Land Purchased

FATHER ALOYSIUS P. Hafner was transferred from St. Norbert parish, Munger and was installed as pastor of Holy Trinity parish on Jan. 16, 1952.

During his administration several building projects have been completed.

During the years 1953 to 1957 there were many alterations and repairs to the pastor's residence. Two new administrative offices, and a modern committee meeting room were constructed and a considerable portion of the building modernized.

Additional property was purchased in 1954 in order to make room for future parish buildings. These included: a residence at 1010 S. Wenona; and a residence and four additional lots at 1012 S. Wenona. Purchase price was $35,000.

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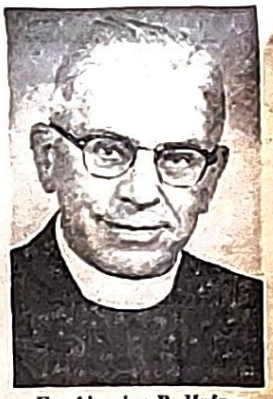
Parish Builds

A NEW NINE class-room school was constructed during 1954-1955 at a cost of $175,000.



Fr. Aloysius P. Hafner
Present Pastor

A new Sisters residence built during 1960-1961 has ten bedrooms and a chapel. The complete convent cost about $130,000.

A new Social Center Building was constructed during 1962 at a cost of about $130,000. This includes a separate storage house, underground lawn

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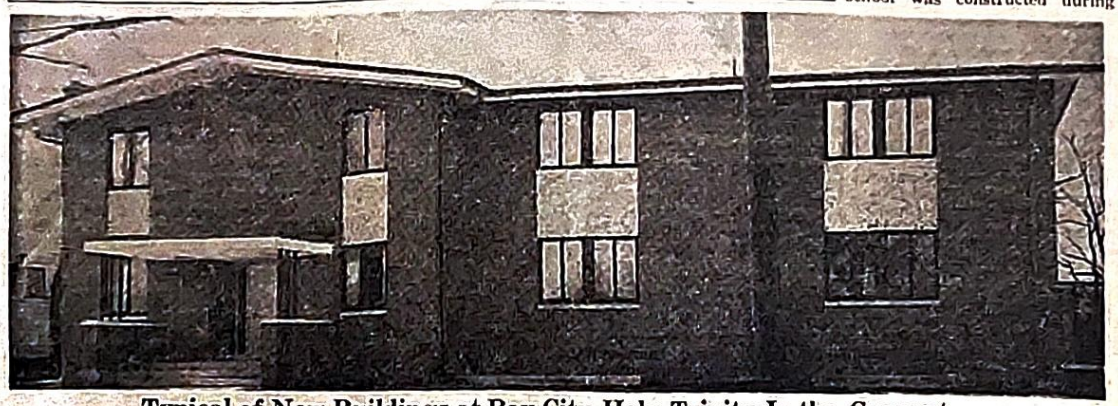

Typical of New Buildings at Bay City Holy Trinity Is the Convent

Fr. Francis J. Lang

New Church Goal of St. Hedwig Parish

BAY CITY—During the immigration of the Poles into Bay City from the year 1867-1907, about 80 families settled on the West Side of the River in the locality called Salzburg.

Being good Catholics, they were forced to make tremendous sacrifices in performing their duties towards God and Church by attending Mass at St. Stanislaus church and sending their children to St. Stanislaus school on the East Side.

It was especially difficult during the bitter winter months. Something had to be done to alleviate this situation.

On June 2, 1907, Fr. Edward Kozlowski, at that time pastor of St. Stanislaus, called a meeting in A. Piechowiak's Hall. All present were in favor of a new church and school. It would be called the St. Hedwig's.

Frank Libera looked over an old Public School nearby, called the Riegel School, which was for sale. Along with Frank Wiechec, they brought this matter to the attention of Father Kozlowski, who together with the Church Committee, was in favor of purchasing this building. It would first have to be renovated to serve as a school for the children. The building was purchased for $860.

The school was opened on Sept. 9, 1908, after it was moved to its present location. The church grounds were donated by Fr. Kozlowski and A. Piechowiak.

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Church Provided

THE FIRST teachers were Sister M. Wilolda and Sister M. Catherine of the Felician Order. They lived at the St. Stanislaus Convent, and were driven by Horse and Buggy to the St. Hedwig School each morning. The driver of their carriage was J. Budzinski.

The first church-committee consisted of Frank Libera, Anthony Piechowiak, Andrew Janowiak, Wilhelm Rytlewski, John Piechowiak, and Ignatius Andrzejewski.

Fr. John Gatzke, assistant at St. Stanislaus, visited each family in quest of funds for a new wing to the school-building.

The second story was to be used as a church, and the ground-floor as a convent and the school class-rooms. The contractor was W. Peplinski when the new addition was built.

Father Gatzke said the First Mass in this new Church on May 1, 1910. The following year on June 11, 1911, Bishop Schrembs, blessed the church. On June 10, 1912, Bishop Richter blessed the bell donated by the St. Hedwig society.

After Father Gatzke's appointment to Ludington, Fr. James Czachorski took charge of the parish for one year. He was succeeded by Fr. J. Koss, who administered to the needs of the people for six months. In 1915 Fr. L. Kuzyusz, took charge of the parish.

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Fire Strikes

ON MAY 31, 1916, a fire destroyed nearly the entire new addition. Insurance collected amounted to $10,000 and the building was rebuilt.

Men of the parish worked without remuneration so it was possible for the contractor to replace the damage for only $5,000. With the remaining $5,000 the present rectory was built.

In 1917, Fr. L. Oprychalski was appointed the first resident-pastor. During his pastorate, St. Stanislaus parish contributed $3,500 toward St. Hedwig church in fulfillment of an agreement made by Fr. Kozlowski.

On Jan. 20, 1922, Fr. Paul Felchnerowski, was appointed pastor of the St. Hedwig church. During his administration the building was completely renovated.

A new Kilgen pipe-organ was installed. It was heard for the first time on Christmas, 1938. This was donated by the late Leo Balcer family. The rectory was also enlarged and re-furnished.

Fr. Felchnerowski died Aug. 22, 1942. He was succeeded by Fr. A. R. Zylla on Sept. 17, 1942.

During Fr. Zylla's pastorate, the parish grounds were landscaped and a grotto in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes was erected at a cost of $1,500. The grotto was blessed on Oct. 24, 1943.

In 1950 the church floor and stairway were renovated by Richard Brzezinski at a cost of $1,650.

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Present Pastor

FR. JOHN J. Boguslawski succeeded Fr. Zylla on June 17, 1950. During his administration, the church was redecorated, the convent and class-rooms repainted, renovated and refurnished, a new wing added to the school, rectory repaired and re-sided, and five additional lots purchased for future building expansion.

On Sept. 17, 1961, the parish celebrated its 50th Anniversary with a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving. Bishop Wozniclki presided. A Golden Jubilee Banquet was enjoyed in the evening by the parishioners and city officials.

All efforts in the near future are directed towards a new church.

PRIESTS WHO served at the St. Hedwig church from 1910 through 1962 were Msgr. Gatzke, Fr. J. P. Chodkiewicz, Fr. James Czachorski, Fr. Kozlowski, Fr. J. Koss, Fr. Kuzyusz, Fr. L. Kwasigroch, Fr. Oprychalski, Fr. L. P. Krakowski, Fr. J. Kozak, Fr. L. Piaskowski, Fr. C. Wasilewski, Fr. J. E. Szydlowski, Fr. H. B. Kosciolnlak, Msgr. J. A. Lewandowski, Fr. J. Kaminski, Msgr. A. Arszulowicz, Fr. S. Fron, Fr. F. Piaskowski, Fr. S. Dzielski, OFM., Fr. A. C. Edwards, Fr. Felchnerowski, Fr. Zylla, and Fr. Boguslawski.

Fr. John J. Boguslawski
Present Pastor

367,000 Pupils in Catholic Schools

CHICAGO —(NC)— A record 367,000 pupils, an increase of nearly 10,000, are expected to enroll in Chicago area Catholic schools this fall. Six new grammar schools and three new high schools will open in September.

Msgr. William E. McManus, archdiocesan superintendent of schools, said the archdiocesan school system is the fourth largest in the nation, being outranked only by the public school systems of New York City, Los Angeles, and Chicago.

St. Vincent de Paul Parish Established Sept. 29, 1959

BAY CITY—St. Vincent De Paul parish was established by Bishop Wozniclki on Sept. 29, 1959. Father Norman Van Poppelen was appointed first pastor.

Territorial limits of the parish in brief were: the Kawkawlin Road on the north, Euclid avenue on the east, Bay County Line on the south, Mackinaw Road on the west.

GROUNDBREAKING for the first building, a temporary church to be used later as a social hall, took place on Nov. 14, 1959. The first Mass was said in the building on Sunday, May 22, 1960.

Meanwhile, permission was granted by the Bay City School Board to use T. L. Handy High Auditorium for Sunday masses beginning Dec. 6, 1959.

In September of 1961, property across from the parish grounds was purchased for construction of a rectory.

Work was begun at that time and completed in February of 1962. The church, old rectory and basement of the new rectory are used for catechetical instructions.

Plans were drawn by Bryssel bout-Starke and Hacher for an eight-room school to be built in 1963.

Members of the first Church Committee and Advisory Board were Arthur Sequin, A. J. LaFramboise, Joseph Lindebaum, Ernest Meyer, Dr. Harry B. McGee, Clifford Denay, Paul Jezewski, Herman Deshaw, Gerald Schneider, Marion Wisniewski, Harry Shannon and Francis Trombley.

Fr. Norman F. Van Poppelen
Founding Pastor

St. Elizabeth

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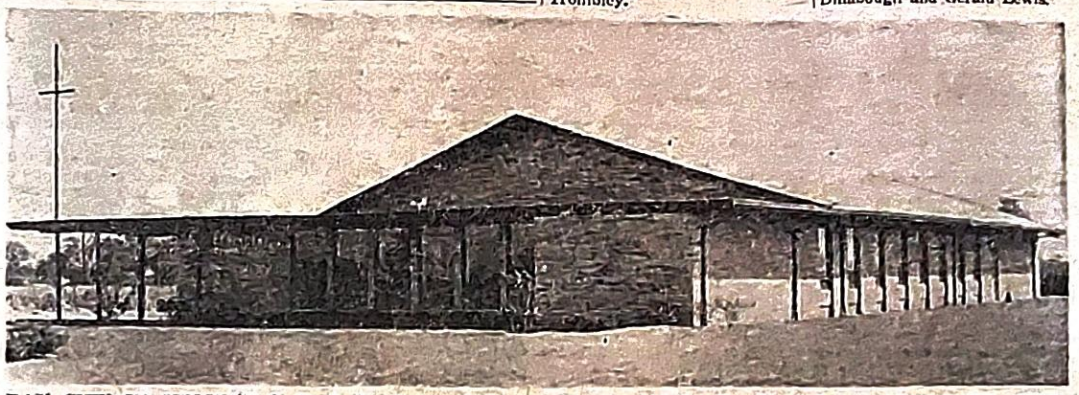
ulty is: Sister Mary Adelza, R.S.M., Sister Jean Paul, R.S.M., Miss Kay Louise DuRussel, and Francis T. Armond.

At the present writing, our buildings are evaluated at a replacement value of $318,751, including the contents. We have 17 lots in Reese and 4½ acres of land at the cemetery.

There are now four seminarians at the St. Paul Seminary in Saginaw. They are: Michael DuRussel, David Gruber, Daniel Dillabough and Gerald Lewis.



BAY CITY ST. VINCENT de Paul church was built in 1959-1960. Fr. Norman F. Van Poppelen, pastor, acted as contractor with A. J. LaFramboise as coordinator and Bernard LaFramboise as superintendent of works. Seating capacity for the church is approximately 500. When a new church is constructed the building will be used as a social hall and grade school gym. Morris, Wesolek and McMillan were architects.

St. Hedwig Church in Bay City

Sandusky St. Joseph

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marble, surrounded by shrubbery and illuminated at night was blessed by Bishop Wozniclki on the occasion of the blessing of the new hall on June 19, 1960.

Prior to the Bishop's blessing of shrine and hall, a new white oak altar was installed in the church and a double-door exit for reasons of safety and convenience was made through the north wall near the communion rail.

At the time of this writing, Nov. 28, 1962, the interior of the church is being renovated. This is consisting of new tile flooring, wall panelling in nave and sanctuary, installation of light oak pews and two side altars, hand carved wood stations of the Cross and side-altar statues. Earlier in the year a new concrete approach to the front of the church was constructed, a Leslie Organ Speaker and a PA System were installed.

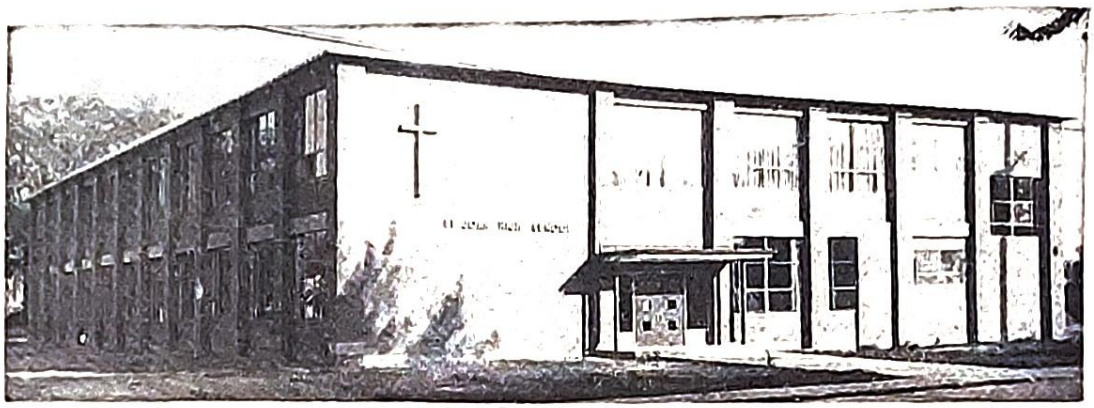
From a small beginning of a half dozen families early in this century, St. Joseph's has grown to a present membership of 150 families with 125 grade school and 35 high school children receiving religious instruction in the parish hall by the Dominican Sisters of Ruth.

As the attendance at Mass increased, additional Masses became necessary. On November 3, 1960, a third Sunday Mass was added. During 1962 more than 10,000 received Holy Communion.

Teens Protest Display of Bikinis

CHICAGO—(NC)—"Don't be a dummy, cover your tummy" said signs carried by some 40 teenagers who paraded along two beaches here in protest against the increasing number of bikini bathing suits.

Other signs carried by the teenagers, dressed in Gay Ninety swim suits, said: "Attention is swell, but it's hot in hell," and "If people dress as they think, some people think very little."



New Essexville St. John High School Opened Doors in 1957

Past Decade Marked by Major Building Progress at St. John's

ESSEXVILLE—The cornerstone for the first St. John the Evangelist church here was blessed on Aug. 31, 1884. Father Cornelius Roche was appointed first pastor in 1887.

A new church was started in 1892 and the original building made into a school.

Following the death of Father Roche on Aug. 8, 1900 Father Edward A. Kinney cared for the parish until the appointment of Fr. Peter Bresson, a Premonstratensian (Norbertine) priest.

He was succeeded in 1904 by Fr. R. S. VanRooy, another Norbertine.

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Parish Builds

ST. JOHN church burned on June 26, 1917 and was replaced by the present church. The cornerstone for a new parish school was blessed in 1924.

Father Van Rooy died on July 12 and he was succeeded by Fr. R. G. Greven, O. Praem.

Work on a new grade school began in 1949. A major addition was made in 1951.

This early history of St. John parish is treated in detail in the 1952 historical edition of The Catholic Weekly.

Fr. Greven celebrated his Golden Jubilee in St. John Church, Essexville, on July 26, 1954, as well as his 25th year as pastor of St. John Parish.

At the same time, his superiors thought it advisable for him to take it a little easier and therefore appointed him to St. Joseph Church, Oneida, Wisc. Thirteen months after Fr. Greven's transfer, word reached Essexville of his death in Oneida, Wisconsin.

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Present Pastor

IN JANUARY of 1955 the Fr. Gerald H. Hietpas, O.Praem, was appointed to succeed Fr. Greven. Twenty-five years previously Fr. Hietpas had succeeded Fr. Greven in Cut Bank, Mont. Hence, their lives and their parishes parallel, though thousands of miles separate them.

Bishop Woznicki, anxious to continue the work of the Norbertine Fathers in Essexville, saw to it that St. John's was registered in Rome as a parish permanently cared for by the Fathers from DePere. In order to do this, boundaries had to be established so that no question would arise later.

Fr. E. A. Demerath, O. Praem
Assistant Pastor

Fr. G. H. Hietpas, O.Praem
Present Pastor

All Catholics living in Essexville and Hampton properly belong to St. John's territory. It is interesting enough to publish the fully registered boundaries here as copied from the Bishop's letter of February 4, 1945:

"On the North: the shore line of Saginaw Bay beginning at the east bank of the Saginaw River emptying into the Bay, and continuing eastward along the Bay shore until a meeting with the Garner Road in Tuscola County;

"On the East: the middle of the Garner Road from its intersection with the Saginaw Bay shore and thence running south to the intersection with the Darbee Road;

"On the South: the middle of the Darbee Road from its intersection with the Garner Road, and thence running west five miles to the County Line of Tuscola County, thence running north along the County Line to the intersection with what is known as Young's Ditch Road to the intersection of Highway M-15;

"On the West: the Highway M-15 running north and west to the Bay City limit, thence north along the Bay City limit to the intersection with the Essexville City Limit, thence continuing north to the meeting with the bank of the Saginaw River and thence north to the point where Saginaw River empties into Saginaw Bay."

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Rectory, School Built

IT WAS decided that the rectory which had been built for one priest in 1888 was no longer practical for three priests in 1956.

A Building Drive was conducted among the parishioners for both high school and rectory. This drive was so successful that both projects were undertaken at the same time.

Ground for a very necessary separate high school building was broken in the spring of 1956. The cornerstone for this building was blessed and placed in its position by Monsignor Sonefeld, vicar general, on Sunday, Oct. 14, 1956.

The building was ready for occupancy in September of 1957. Bishop Woznicki dedicated it on Oct. 13, 1957. Registration in the high school reached 247 students in September, 1961.

The new priests' house was ready for occupancy early in October, 1957. It was blessed by the Rt. Rev. S. M. Killeen, O. Praem., on Nov. 22, 1957.

The former rectory was dismantled and an adequate parking lot soon took its place. Much parking space has to be provided, for the great majority of our parishioners live at considerable distance from the church and must use their automobiles. The spot where the first frame structure was erected in 1884 is also a parking lot.

This modern improvement so vital in today's life adds to the convenience of the parish.

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Progress Continues

FAMILIES MOVING in from all points of the compass necessitated a building program, that so far has seen a completely new rectory and high school building, a greatly renovated church, a central heating plant providing necessary heat in this cool, northern climate for all the buildings. The change from coal and oil to gas seems to have been appreciated by all.

Naturally, a debt was created by this building program, but due to the generosity of the parishioners of St. John, what would have seemed insurmountable to both Father VanRooy and Father Greven, has been taken care of, and with the same unselfish cooperation the debt should be completely liquidated within a year and a half.

Fr. E. F. Muhall, O. Praem
Assistant Pastor

The intermediate School built in 1924-1925 and the church built in 1918 were completely rewired in conduit, and new fixtures were installed in both the school and the church in 1957 and 1958.

The Intermediate and the Elementary schools were completely repainted during 1961 and 1962. The labor for these jobs was furnished by the men and women of the parish who volunteered their help freely.

During the summer of 1961 a complete new floor was put down in the church. This was covered with asbestos tile, giving the church a much brighter atmosphere. The former communion rail was discarded in favor of a new rail donated by the students of St. John school. This rail is much lower, two steps were eliminated for the greater convenience of all and the center bulge, no longer necessary, was also corrected.

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Altar Consecrated

A NEW MARBLE altar was installed in the sanctuary complete with new tabernacle, and other appointments. These were all donated by parishioners whose names appear on a plaque in the rear of the church.

The solemn ceremony of consecration of this altar took place on Oct. 19, 1961. Abbot Killeen, O. Praem., of St. Norbert Abbey, DePere, Wis., officiated—assisted by Fathers Norman Van Poppelen, Robert Navarre and Virgil Gradowski. Bishop Woznicki declared it a privileged altar on Nov. 20, 1961.

New sanctuary furniture, also donated, was put into use. Thus was completed a task that began with the new chandeliers which were installed in the spring of 1958.

Since May of 1887, some 6,502 baptisms have been administered, 1,472 marriages have been performed, and 1,819 people have been buried from St. John.

Three sons of the parish are priests: Fr. Van Poppelen, pastor of St. Vincent De Paul Parish, Bay City; Father Navarre, pastor of St. Denis Parish, Lexington; and Fr. Ralph J. Poirier, C.S.Sp., recently ordained. Six sons of the parish who are students of the new St. Paul Seminary in Saginaw, and three others from the parish are in major seminaries of religious orders.

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Rich Source of Nuns

THE GRAND Rapids Dominicans have had a total of 33 women from St. John parish: Sister Mary Bertrand Lalonde, Sister Mary Catherine VanAanhold, Sister Mary Leo McDonald, Sister Mary Angela Lalonde, Sister Mary Norberta Boeraker, Sister Mary Evelina Ward, Sister Mary Elvera VanNos, Sister Mary Anthony Johnson, Sister Mary Borromeo Clark, Sister Mary Humilitas DeCourval.

Also Sister Mary Huberta Charron, Sister Mary Damien Jacobs, Sister Mary Dionysius Finn, Sister Mary Clementia Hagens, Sister Mary Therese Tacey, Sister Mary Joan LaFontaine, Sister Mary Stella Jozwiak, Sister Leo Marie DesJardins, Sister Rose Alma Oliver, Sister Mary Villana VanMullekom, Sister Frederick Mary Pitre.

Sister Leo Christine Jacobs, Sister Mary Wilma Rajewski, Sister Mary Natha Meyer, Sister Mary Joletta Kocsis, Sister Dennis Michael Toohey, Sister Mary Jarrett DeWyse, Sister Nora Marie Hahl, Sister Thomas Jude Barber, Sister Marie Albertus Gray, Sister Agnella Droomers, Sister Joan of Arc LeVasseur, and Sister Mary Micheas Drew.

Theresa DeWyse is a postulant with the Grand Rapids Dominicans at this time.

Two girls from the parish are Sisters of Mercy: Sister Mary Ferdinand Verellen, and Sister Mary Teresa Hines.

Sister Bonventure Voss, is a member of the Holy Spirit Order. Sister Mary Paschal Collum, is a member of the Good Shepherd Order.

Barbara Savage is a postulant with the Good Shepherd Order. Jane Tacey and Joyce Vermeesch are Franciscan postulants.

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75th Jubilee in 1962

THE 75TH anniversary of the founding of St. John parish was celebrated on June 28, 1962.

The day started with the offering of a Pontifical Mass in the Norbertine Rite by Abbot Killeen in the presence of Bishop Woznicki. The jubilee sermon was preached by Fr. Alfred McBride, O. Praem., of St. Norbert Abbey.

A clergy luncheon followed, and in the evening a parish din-

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25th Anniversary

We congratulate Bishop Stephen S. Woznicki, the priests, and the people of his diocese on their many great accomplishments during the past twenty-five years.

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Parish Famed for Reservoir, School for Migrants—

New Church Goal of St. Norbert's

MUNGER — St. Norbert parish began in 1904 with the coming of the Norbertine Fathers from Essexville. Mass was said in the old Town Hall until 1906 when the present church was erected.

Father James Golden was the first resident pastor.

St. Norbert School was built in 1924 by Fr. Albert Baumann. Closed during the depression it was reopened in 1939.

The perennial problem of water or lack of it on parish grounds was solved by Fr. Aloysius P. Hafner under whose pastorate the famous reservoir was constructed.

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New Rectory Built

FATHER URBAN Miller became pastor of St. Norbert on Jan. 17, 1952.

His most notable achievement was the construction of a new rectory in 1954 at a cost of $43,000, including furnishings.

This enabled him to renovate and change the old rectory built in 1910 into a fine convent for the three Dominican Sisters, thus removing them from one or two rooms in the school where they had lived since returning to Munger in 1939.

Despite the help of Father Kenneth J. Povish and Father Richard VanMullekom as assistants, Father Miller's health dictated his resignation on Sept. 7, 1956.

He was succeeded by Fr. Alphonse A. Kromka who was installed on Sept. 7.

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Priest-Sons Ordained

FR. JOSEPH Schabel, the first native son of the Parish was ordained to the Sacred Priesthood on June 2, 1956 by Bishop Woznicki.

During the winter of 1956, on Dec. 16 in Rome, Fr. Leo R. Lynch was ordained to the Holy Priesthood; the second son of St. Norbert to attain this goal.

Fr. Kromka resigned May 28, 1957 and retired to West Branch, where he lived with Fr. Aloysius O'Toole until his sudden death while celebrating Mass on Sunday, Aug. 9, 1959 in St. Joseph Church.

Father Povish became the eighth pastor of St. Norbert on June 5, 1957.

During Fr. Povish's tenure St. Norbert school was repaired, the entire building being tuckpointed at a cost of $5,000. The rooms were redecorated and new fluorescent lighting installed.

The chapel of the convent was redecorated and new Stations of the Cross installed, donated by Miss Alberta Brandt.

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Mass for Children

WITH THE advent of the new fasting laws for Holy Communion Fr. Povish began having daily Mass for the school children at a late hour enabling them to go to Holy Communion daily.

On Sundays, not a few weeks were spent instructing the people in active participation of the Sacred Liturgy through the Dialogue Mass.

Three young ladies from the parish joined the Dominican Sisters at Grand Rapids: Miss Barbara Jean Erndt becoming Sr. Ann Frances; Miss Betty Ann Jacobs, Sr. Brian Mary; and Miss Joan Schabel, Sr. Marie Joan.

Miss Lucille VanWert joined the Religious Sisters of Mercy, becoming Sr. Mary Kenan. Her sister is Sr. Mary Joan of the Mercy Order.

Wayne Schulz joined the teaching Brothers of the Holy Cross and took the name of Brother Joseph.

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School for Migrants

FR. POVISH was transferred to become Professor and Vice-Rector at St. Paul seminary in Saginaw in 1960.

An interesting development in recent years has been the advent of many Spanish-speaking Mexicans and Texans to this region to work in the sugar beets and potatoes. The two main products of the Munger farming area.

Beginning in 1948 catechism had been taught to the children of these migrants by personnel of the Mexican Apostolate, usually seminarians. In Father Miller's time a full day school was organized for them at St. Norbert school.

The seminarians and lay teachers taught reading, English, spelling and arithmetic as well as catechism to many of these children—reaching a peak of 180 in the summer of 1961.

These children were garnered from the territory of several parishes by bus and car. Fred Johnson of this parish donated the use of his school busses each summer for four or five weeks while the school was in session.

Eventually it is hoped the Dominican Sisters or some religious community can provide even better and more efficient teachers for these less favored members of Christ's Mystical Body who wander the highways of America about six months each year.

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Present Pastor

FATHER HARRY J. Hart was installed as ninth pastor of St. Norbert on June 15, 1960 coming from St. Joseph parish, St. Louis, Mich.

In the Fall of 1960 at the direction of the Bishop he engaged an architectural firm Prine, Toshach and Spears of Saginaw, to draw a preliminary sketch of a proposed new church.

The Church Committee was expanded into a building committee and a tour was made of several new churches including St. Cyril of Bannister and, St. Mary, Hemlock.

By December the sketches were posted in the church and the Sunday before Christmas 150 parishioners approached the Communion Rail and gave to the pastor a signed card detailing the amount of their gift to the new St. Norbert Church, to be paid in three years.

The amount on the cards totaled $50,243.00. There was on hand when Fr. Hart came, the amount of $10,300.

As of July, 1963 this amount has increased to $65,000 over half of what must be collected before building begins in the spring of 1964.

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The Job Ahead

FOR SOME years water in the auditorium of the school has been a problem, seeping in under the foundations.

In the summer of 1960 Consolidated Construction co. of Bay City excavated the walls and foundations, recemented the walls to the footings, covered all with tar and laid a four-inch drain tile in stone with outlet to a drainage field to the north of the school. Thus water has been eliminated from the auditorium.

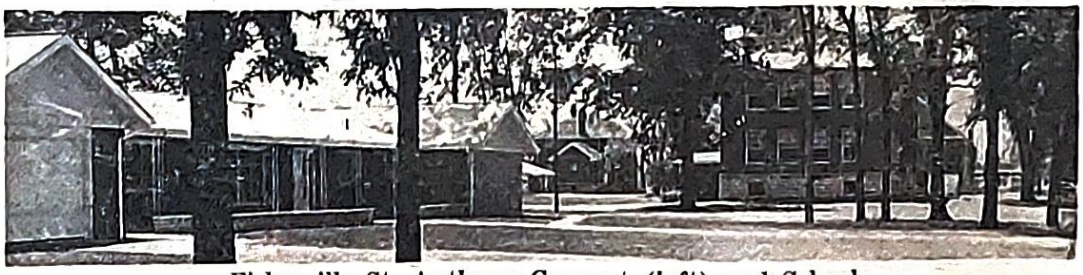
During the summer of 1962 the school rooms were redecorated as well as the interior of the convent and part of the rectory.

We come to 1963 hopeful that in another year the biggest job ahead will begin, the construction of the new St. Norbert Church to seat 600 and to be built in cruciform shape at an approximate cost of $200,000.

The parish and the pastor are particularly grateful to have the help of the Capuchin Fathers from Saginaw Queen of Angels Retreat.

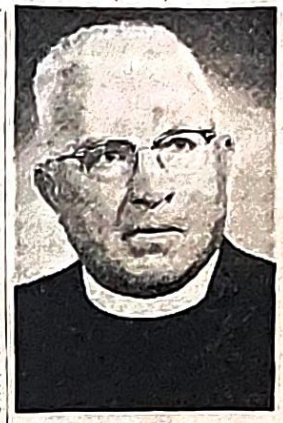
With their help over the past three years, four Masses have been said each Sunday thus accommodating almost 800 people attending St. Norbert in the old church built in 1906 to seat 250.

Workmen's Compensation Act was passed in 1912.



Fisherville St. Anthony Convent (left) and School

Father Harry J. Hart
Present Pastor



Fr. C. L. Lipinski
Present Pastor

New Convent Now Serves St. Anthony's

FISHERVILLE—The spiritual needs of this small community were ministered to by the resident priests of St. Stanislaus parish, Bay City, from 1888 to 1902.

The present St. Anthony Church was completed in 1902.

Mass was said in this church by Fr. Edward Kozlowski, St. Stanislaus pastor, and his assistants.

IN 1907 a parsonage was built and Fr. Joseph Kaminski was appointed resident pastor. He was followed by Fr. John Kaplanowski in 1908.

The St. Anthony elementary school and convent building served many purposes from the time of its erection in 1910.

In 1962 a new, modern convent replaced the old sister's home. The two sisters of St. Dominic now reside there and staff the school along with one lay teacher.

Since its establishment, the following priests have served St. Anthony Parish: Fr. Joseph Kaminski (1907-1908); Fr. John P. Kaplanowski (1908-1919); Fr. Leonard Kwasigroch (1919-1923); Fr. Edward J. Szturmowski (1923-1925); Fr. Ladislaus Kuzius (1925-1932).

Fr. Ceslaus L. Lipinski has served St. Anthony's since 1932.

Patients Informed of Religious Help

LISBON, Portugal, (NC) — Under a new directive from the Portuguese Ministry of Health, all patients in state hospitals and other institutions are to be told that religious facilities, including administration of the sacrament of Extreme Unction, are available to them at their request.

Non-Catholics are to be advised of availability of assistance within their own faith.

DID YOU EVER know that the well known Saint John of God, was in a sense what we might call a juvenile delinquent in his day and not much better as he grew up? Forty years old, and shiftless beyond description, he still had one saving thing left—the memory of his saintly mother.

That memory finally softened the calluses around his heart and he started the long struggle back to what he knew his mother wanted him to be. Renting a tottering old house, he welcomed the sick who lay abandoned in the streets of Granada.

As his work progressed, his holiness progressed along with it until all Granada venerated the holy penitent among them. Today he is known as Saint John of God, an eternal monument to the influence of a SAINTLY MOTHER.

Munger St. Norbert New Rectory (left) and Church

Kawkawlin Sacred Heart Church and Rectory

New Church in the Future for Kawkawlin Sacred Heart Parish

KAWKAWLIN—Sacred Heart Church is located at the corner of Beaver and Fraser Roads, long known as "Three Church Corner." St. Bartholomew Lutheran Church was located on the northeast section of the corner; the Baptist Church was located on the Northwest corner of the intersection and Sacred Heart Church is located on the Southeast section of the corner.

Most of the people of this region were of French descent, coming from Southern Canada and traveling to St. Anne's Church, Linwood, or Visitation Church in Bay City to fulfill their religious obligations. The Polish people traveled to St. Stanislaus in Southern Bay City.

In 1891 a parcel of 2 acres of land was purchased from Alfred and Emiley Dore for $1 to be used for Church purposes. On this property was built a frame church approximately 60 ft. x 90 ft. Frank Prevost was the contractor. Jim Deane, Frank Whyte, Frank Martin were some of the men hired to help build the church. They lived in a building on the church grounds during the construction.

This new church was under the supervision of Fr. E. Langlois, pastor of St. Anne's Church, Linwood. Mass was said once a month in the unfinished church.

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New Church Built

DURING A SEVERE electrical storm in the summer of 1898, the unfinished building was struck by lightning. A severe windstorm shifted the building 2 ft. from its foundation. In the fall of 1899 the unfinished church was destroyed by fire. Rumors were that sparks falling on the wood shingles from a passing steam engine caused the fire.

With the encouragement and under the direction of Rev. Cornelius Roche, pastor of St. John's Parish, Essexville, the parishioners took their teams and sleighs during the winter of 1899-1900 and hauled brick from near Midland—a long day's trip for a man and team of horses in the day of unimproved roads.

Actual construction of the new church started in July, 1900. On August 8, 1900, on his way to see how the contractor and workers were getting on at Sacred Heart Church, Father Roche stopped at State Park, Saginaw Bay, to go bathing and being unable to swim he must have fallen into an unseen hole and drowned.

His body was found floating in the Bay. Father Roche usually traveled with a donkey and a cart.

Father Langlois, pastor of Linwood, then took over the construction of the church.

Frank Fenske was the brick contractor, A. Clermont was the wood contractor. A. Clermont also built the first altars in the new church. Present altars were purchased by Father LaMontague. Samuel Goulet, Jr. and one horse were hired by Mr. Fenske for $.50 a day to hoist the mortar and brick up to the scaffold.

Fr. Chester J. Pilarski
Present Pastor

The water needed to mix the mortar and cement was obtained from Alfred Dore's well and Mrs. Phoebe Goulet donated her time to pump the water from the well.

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Stone-Faced in 1956

THE CHURCH WAS originally colored sand, and later painted red and in 1956 grey stone facing was put on the church at a cost of $17,000.00. Gilbert Valad volunteered to install the 600 pound bell. He rode the bell as it was hoisted into the belfry by a team of horses. He mounted it securely and it has been in use ever since.

The church committee of 1900 was composed of Patrick Murphy, Dennis McNally, Mr. Periord, Samuel Goulet Sr., Louis LaPan.

Mass was said about every three weeks. The church was heated by two stoves, one in the rear and one in the front of the church with long stove pipes wired to the high ceiling.

Mamie Hamlin was one of the first organists. Rose Goulet Barron, Tillie Erbish, Joe, Edith, and Olive Pajot, Selina Dore, and Charles Fournier made up one of the first choirs. Louise Schmidt Reinhart was organist following Mamie Hamlin.

Fr. E. Langlois served the parish until Aug. 1, 1911. On that day he was succeeded by Rev. L. A. LaMontague who became the first resident priest. He lived in a home rented from Phoebe Goulet.

The first marriage was a double ceremony on Jan. 11, 1904: Arthur Goulet and Alzina Dore; James Hagens and Ethel Amidon.

The couples came with horse and cutter. The Hagens, Amidon ceremony was in English and the Dore, Goulet ceremony was in French.

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Attached to Auburn

IN THE FALL OF 1911 the rectory and horse barn were started. The horse barn was finished and Father L. A. LaMontague stabled his horse there while living in the rented home. The foundation was built to about three feet above the ground and remained that way until about 1935 when it was broken up and the excavation filled up to make a parking lot for the parish.

Father LaMontague went to Vancouver, Washington. At that time Sacred Heart Church of Kawkawlin was attached by Bishop Richter to Auburn. St. Joseph's as a mission. Rev. John M. McDonald was first resident pastor at Auburn and was in charge of both St. Joseph's and the mission of Sacred Heart of Kawkawlin.

During the first years of Rev. John McDonald's pastorate, he would travel to and from Auburn with a horse and buggy during the summer and with a horse and cutter in the winter. He would come and say Mass every Sunday and Holy Day and hear confessions before Mass.

Under the direction of Father McDonald the parishioners dug a cistern well in which water was stored to be used in case of fire.

Fr. John McDonald remained in charge of both parishes for 14 years, until March 19, 1926 at which time he was assigned to St. Bernard parish, Alpena. On this date, Rev. William J. Walsh became pastor of St. Joseph, Auburn and of the Mission of Sacred Heart, Kawkawlin.

In 1932, a building about 50 ft. x 100 ft. was purchased from William Kosolowski to be used as a parish hall. It was moved from the corner of Beaver and Mackinaw roads through the fields for the distance of a mile. It is now located on the parish grounds. Many a dinner has been served by the parish people.

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New Church Planned

MRS. ANNA Kircher donated the redecoration of the altars in memory of her deceased husband, Representative Samuel Kircher in 1942.

In 1956, eight acres of land on the corner of Beaver and Fraser Roads was purchased from William and Rosalie Dore to be used for the erection of a rectory.

Brysselbout-Starke and Hacker, Inc., were chosen as the architects, and construction was started in July, 1956. The building is a one story brick veneer, ranch style home.

The people of the parish donated a great deal of the labor. The home was furnished in 1957 and at that time Fr. William J. Walsh was installed as pastor until his retirement because of ill health in September, 1959.

The rectory has a finished basement furnished to accommodate society meetings and breakfasts or small card parties.

On Oct. 1, 1959, Fr. Chester J. Pilarski was installed as pastor of Sacred Heart parish. Under Father Pilarski's direction and encouragement, the parish is planning for a new church.

School, Convent Proud Boast of St. Valentine's, Golden Jubilee in 1959

BEAVER—St. Valentine parish had its first beginnings in 1888 in the monthly visits of Father Szulak, a Jesuit missionary from Detroit, who held services in the home of John Nowak.

On St. Valentine's day of 1888 Bartholomew Zboralski donated five acres of land on which a combination Church-School was soon built. From that time until 1908 the spiritual needs of the people were cared for by the priests of St. Stanislaus, Bay City.

On Jan. 1, 1908, St. Valentine's was established as a mission and placed in charge of Father Joseph Kaminski, pastor of St. Anthony parish, Fisherville. Father Kaminski began the construction of the present church which was completed in the fall of 1909.

Fr. Virgil F. Gradowski
Present Pastor

First Pastor Named

MEANWHILE Father John D. Kaplanowski had been appointed first pastor of the new parish of St. Valentine. He was succeeded as pastor in 1919 by Father L. S. Kwasigroch.

The parish was then served by the following priests: Father Edward J. Szturmowski (1923-1924), Father Walter A. Kuzius (1924-1929), Father Valerian S. Szymanski (1929-1941), Father John J. Bozek as assistant (1940-1941), Father Joseph S. Kaminski (1941-1952), Father Terrence S. Pinkowski, O.F.M. as assistant (1951).

Due to the ill health of Father Kaminski Father Henry Bobeck was appointed administrator of the parish on July 27, 1951.

He became pastor upon the resignation of Father Kaminski on Sept. 5, 1952, and served until his death on Dec. 27, 1961. On Jan. 10, 1962, Father Virgil F. Gradowski was installed as pastor.

The present church was built under the direction of Father Kaminski and Father Kaplanowski. There was no resident pastor until the present rectory was built early in the pastorate of Father Szymanski.

In the fall of 1948 Father Kaminski realized his fondest dream with the completion of a four-room school staffed by four Felician Sisters. He arranged for the transportation of the children by the purchase of two school buses.

Right from its beginning the school also served a number of children from Sacred Heart, Kawkawlin.

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Golden Jubilee Marked

AT THE BEGINNING of his pastorate Father Bobeck purchased two new school buses (1952), installed a new pipe organ (1953), redecorated the interior of the church and refinished the exterior of the church with Perma-Stone (1953).

Father Bobeck's biggest project, however, was the erection

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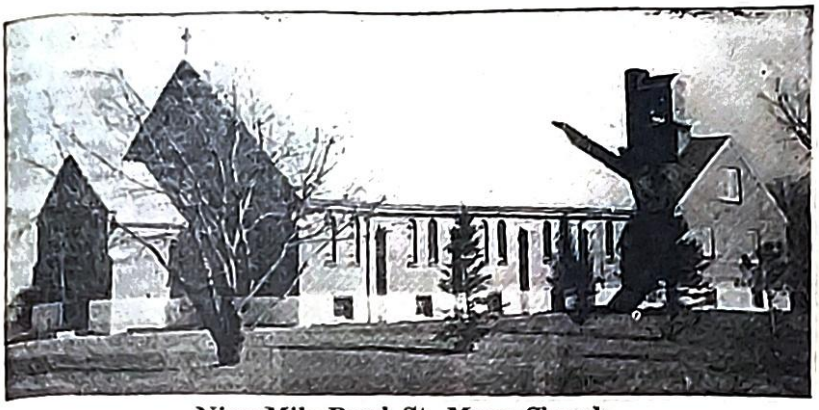
In Quiet Village of Beaver Stands St. Valentine School and Convent



Nine-Mile-Road St. Mary Church

CCD Plays Important Role in New St. Maria Goretti Parish

KAWKAWLIN—St. Maria Goretti Parish here was established on June 15, 1960, by Bishop Stephen S. Woznicki, D.D., to serve an area of Bangor and Kawkawlin Townships in Bay County. The boundaries of the parish are the Kawkawlin River on the south, the north branch of the Kawkawlin River on the west, River Road on the north and the Saginaw Bay on the east. Father Joseph J. Kearns was appointed pastor.

The use of Bangor North Central School was obtained for Masses on Sundays and Holydays of obligation. First Masses at 8 and 10 a.m. were offered in the school auditorium on Sunday, June 26, 1960. The Sunday schedule of Masses went to three Masses in July, and to four in August and have remained at 6, 8, 10 and 12 noon ever since.

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Purchase Land

AFTER TWO general meetings open to the men of the parish, and following the study and recommendations of the parish property committee, with the approval of the Bishop twenty-acres of land were purchased from Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Burgeson and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred J. Burgeson. The property is located on North Euclid Road (M-247) between Boy Scout and Lauria Roads. Date of the purchase was September 28, 1960.

On November 4, 1960, the parish acquired a three bedroom dwelling from Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Cramer on a site 100 ft. by 250 ft. immediately adjoining the original parish property to the north. Men of the parish converted the dwelling into a rectory with office and meeting room facilities, while at the same time adding a chapel and housekeeper's quarters.

This project was under the direction of the Rectory Committee. Members of this committee included Francis MacMillan, planning; Willard Jonsson and Walter T. Matuszewski, labor and materials; and Otis Nelson, Jr., coordination.

Fr. Joseph J. Kearns
Present Pastor

The combination rectory and chapel were occupied on December 31, 1960, with the first Mass in the chapel following on January 2, 1961. The rectory and chapel are located at 2816 North Euclid Road, Bay City.

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CCD Important

THE LADIES of the St. Maria Goretti Altar society have rendered invaluable service to the parish since its inception. Mrs. Richard Scorey was the first president of the society.

The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) was canonically established in the parish to coordinate the activities of the overall parish program. The CCD is THE organization in St. Maria Goretti Parish. All the various groups in the parish are incorporated into the CCD. The only exception is the Church Committee which is the pastor's advisory board and which meets at least quarterly. The execution and coordination of parish works, spiritual and otherwise, rest with the CCD and its various groups in cooperation with the pastor.

These groups with their first heads include: Building Committee, Otis Nelson Jr.; Teachers, Mrs. Joseph Weiler, Jr.; St. Vincent de Paul Society, Robert Sylvester; Altar Society, Mrs. Richard Scorey; Adult Choir, Lawrence Kozlowski; Young People's Choir, Mrs. Sadie H. Lane; Christian Family Movement, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hartley; Parent-Educators, Mrs. Stanley Kozlowski. Secretarial Group, Mrs. Lloyd Lefevre; Mass Servers, Bernard Uhlmann, Jr.; Apostles of Good Will, Anthony Blasy; LCW, Mrs. James Belanger; Store Group, Mrs. Robert Duford; and Sitter Service, Miss Laurel Hodgkinson.

Representatives of these groups composed the executive board of the CCD along with Lloyd Lefevre, president; Francis MacMillan, vice-president; and Mrs. Anthony Blasy, secretary.

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Ground Broken

GROUND WAS broken and blessed on Sunday, April 30, 1961, for the combination church and school building. This building was to be the initial phase of a master plan including the expansion of school facilities, a convent, a rectory and a permanent church. Morris, Wesolek and MacMillan were the architects and engineers.

Father Norman Van Poppelen, pastor of Bay City St. Vincent de Paul Parish, gave the address at the ground breaking in the presence of the pastor, church and building committees, parishioners and friends.

Original members of the Church Committee included Ste-

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Decade of Renovation at Nine-Mile-Road St. Mary's

NINE-MILE ROAD—St. Mary's Church is located on Cody-Estey Road west of Nine-Mile Road in Mt. Forest Township, Post Office, Pinconning, Route 3, Michigan. The name "St. Mary's Church, Nine Mile" was given by Father Edward Kozlowski, pastor of Bay City St. Stanislaus.

Prior to 1880, a small group of Polish immigrants settled in St. John's, now known only as Nine Mile Road. In the next few years more families came until in all there were 23 Catholic families.

These pioneers were hard-working, energetic Christian citizens, who started farm life in a lumbering community, where their farms had to be cleared from tangled wilderness. Their life was very rugged and difficult. Schools and churches were few, and miles away.

The Polish settlers understood neither the English nor French language. Assisting at Mass did not satisfy their deep longing for Confession and receiving the word of God in the vernacular.

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First Committee

THE 23 families created the First Committee of John Harenda, Joseph Osowski, and Joseph Wasilewski.

They visited Father Edward Lefever, pastor of Pinconning St. Michael and begged him to obtain the permission from Bishop Richter for the erection of a Polish Catholic Church on Nine Mile Road.

Bishop Richter refused because he was of the opinion that the 23 families could not assume such a responsibility in a new community.

The parishioners resolved unanimously to build a church without the permission of the Bishop. Meetings were held in various homes.

New committees were formed and donations began to flow in. George Wasilewski donated five acres of ground. Everyone gave whatever the committee requested: lumber, shingles, etc.

Manual labor continued until the end of 1903, when their little white church was completed, and now they and their children could worship God in their own way.

The pious pioneers who built St. Mary's Church were George Wasilewski, John Osowski, George Kaptur, Joseph Wasilewski, Martin Wasilewski, John Harenda, Michael Adams, Andrew Grembowski, Andrew Ratkos, Peter Kraska, Valentine Klasca, George Gerhardt, Lawrence Wasilewski, John Jankowiak, Frank Galloner, John Barczynski, Joseph Kopka, Jack Osowski, John Golabek, Michael Przybylski, Ignatius Grembowski, Michael Sinicki, Victoria Bolke and Sons,

Fr. Waclaw Krawczyk

Paul Shubert, and Peter Kraska and sons.

First services were held May 30, 1907. Bishop Richter appointed Father Kozlowski to take charge of St. Mary's Church of Nine Mile until 1908.

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Mission Status

ON AUG. 18, 1907, Fr. Joseph Kaminski gave 18 children First Holy Communion: Jacob Bolke, Stanley Jankowiak, Casimir Harenda, Frank Wasilewski, Gertrude Bukowska, Leo Wasilewski, Felix Golombek, Joseph Gerhardt, Albert Galloner, Joseph Przybylcki, Anna Adams, Sophie Adams, Anastasia Barczynska and Ladislawa Horodowska.

From Feb. 14, 1908 until Feb. 2, 1909, Father John Gatzke, assistant of Bay City St. Stanislaus, was in charge of the Mission of Nine Mile. Father Joseph Chodkiewicz took charge of the mission from Feb. 2, 1909 until Sept. 11, 1911.

On Sept. 11, 1911, the church became a mission of Standish St. Florian. Successive pastors were Father Edward Podlaszewski, Fr. Stanley Sikorski and Fr. Andrew Bieniawski.

The Mission of Pinconning St. Agnes Church was under the care of Fr. Casimir Szyper, and attached the Nine Mile Mission to it. He was appointed by Bishop Pinten of Grand Rapids on March 15, 1928. Since that time, all the records of the parish books are dated at Nine Mile.

On Nov. 1, 1935, Bishop Pinten assigned Fr. Louis S. Wodecki, pastor of St. Agnes, to take care of the Nine Mile Mission.

Since the community of Nine Mile grew very rapidly year after year, and the old church was no longer in proper condition to continue Mass, it was extremely necessary to build a new and larger church.

Fr. Louis Wodecki then suggested to the Bishop that a new building similar to the Church-rectory erected at Sand Lake, near Grand Rapids, be erected at Nine Mile.

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New Church Built

ON SEPT. 5, 1937, Bishop Pinten appointed Fr. Stanley Fron administrator of St. Mary's Church of Nine Mile, and united to it Alger St. Joseph, thus forming only one mission. Bishop Pinten directed Fr. Stanley Fron to build a new church and rectory at Nine Mile.

April 18, 1938 the excavation for a new St. Mary's church and rectory started with the help of the parishioners. The contractor and architect was Joseph Snow (Sniadecki).

The Church Committee included Peter Harenda, Bernard Adams, Felix Golombek, Frank Bolke, Joseph Putt, and John

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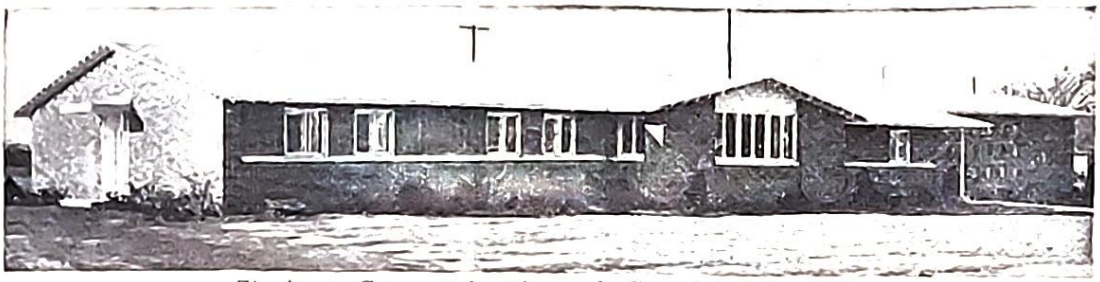
Patron's Shrine Adorns Kawkawlin St. Maria Goretti Parish Grounds



St. Anne Convent in Linwood, Completed in 1958

New Convent Built for St. Anne Parish

LINWOOD—In about 1888 A. C. McClure went to Bishop Richter of the diocese of Grand Rapids to get permission to erect a church here.

A building, 60 x 40 feet was built in 1889 by Narcisse Trembley.

In November, 1891, Father Charles Dequoy was appointed pastor of St. Michael's Church, Pinconning, with missions at Linwood and Standish. Father Dequoy's first mass in Linwood was on Nov. 22, 1891.

On March 10, 1893, Father Edward A. Lefebvre replaced Father Dequoy.

On Oct. 14, 1894, Father Eutrope Langlois became pastor of St. Anne's Church, Linwood.

On June 11, 1901, a new bell of 700 pounds was bought from the Stucksted Bell Foundry of St. Louis, Mo. for $220. The cemetery about one mile west of the church was blessed by Bishop Richter on June 17, 1901.

In 1907 Father Langlois started the school building. He got all the donations he could for the lumber and had it under roof the following winter.

During the next years the work progressed slowly and the inside was still unfinished in the spring of 1915.

Father Langlois whose health had been failing for some years resigned on April 11, 1915 and retired from active ministry. He moved to Pinconning and remained there until his death on Dec. 10, 1916.

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School Completed

FATHER Claude Massonat, who became administrator after Father Langlois' resignation, was an active priest and a good orator. He put new life in the Ladies of St. Anne's society and organized the Young Ladies' society with Josephine Rivard as first president.

He encouraged picnics and parties to raise funds for the same purpose and succeeded in finishing and furnishing the two school rooms. The Sisters' quarters in the same building were still unfinished when on Aug. 14, 1915, Fr. Joseph V. Barrette became pastor.

Early in September the census was taken and the report showed that there were about two hundred families in the Parish.

On April 5, 1915 fire destroyed just about all that had been developed to this time.

Plans were drawn for a rectory but it was decided to build a church first. The first Mass was said on Ascension Day.

The marble altars were installed in 1923. In December, 1925, a new rectory was finished. The total cost was $18,078.

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Present Pastor

FATHER Barrette died Aug. 20, 1951, and the Rev. Lucien Bourget was installed as the present pastor on Sept. 5, 1951 by the Rt. Rev. George O. Dequoy, dean of the Bay Deanery.

In the fall of 1957, Contract was given for a convent. The lowest bidders were Walter Jozwiak of Essexville, Linwood Plumbing and Edward W.

Baumgarten. The total cost, including grading and the architect's fee was $75,608.60.

The debt on this new building was paid in 1961.

The Sisters quarters on the north side of the School was converted into a beautiful library, on the west side, and, on the east side a meeting social room.

The library now contains 1,490 books and more will be added soon.

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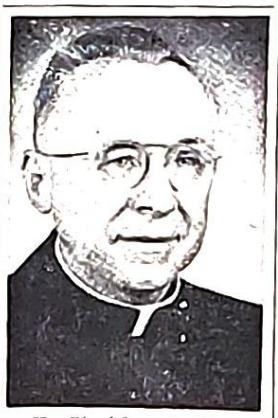
Vocations

ON MAY 31, 1955, a boy from the Parish, Ramon Pomerville, was ordained an Oblate Father. He said his first Mass here on June 12.

Two girls joined the Bernadine Order: Patricia Kolbinz, who is now teaching in Mt. Clemens; and Sue Anne Weisenberger, who will soon be teaching.

In the fall of 1962, one coat of black-top was applied to the parking lot and the driveways. A second coat was applied this summer.

Fr. Lucien Bourget
Present Pastor



Fr. Stanislaus A. Fron
Present Pastor

New Church Serves Auburn Parishioners

AUBURN—In early 1870, St. Joseph's Mission here was cared for by priests from Bay City. It was later attached to St. Brigid Church, Midland.

The late Msgr. Dennis Malone served the Auburn mission for many years in a small frame church building, but, in 1902 built the present building at a cost of $10,000. Later Fr. Edward McDonald was appointed pastor of St. Brigid, Midland, and also assumed charge of St. Joseph's in Auburn.

IN 1911, Fr. John McDonald was appointed pastor and built a rectory and grade school. Fr. William J. Walsh succeded Fr. McDonald on Mar. 19, 1920. During his pastorate the grade school was unable to operate because of financial difficulties, but, in 1947, the school was reopened. Fr. William J. Walsh retired in 1956, and was succeeded by Fr. Francis Lang. On Oct. 17, 1958, Fr. Stanislaus A. Fron was appointed pastor.

Due to the rapid growth of the parish, Fr. Fron undertook the task of relocating the parish. Permission was granted by the Most Reverend Bishop and a tract of land, consisting of approximately 18 acres, was purchased from Mrs. Clara Reder for the sum of $20,000.

Construction of a new school was begun in 1960, at a cost of $175,000. Engelhardt Construction company was the General Contractor, Brysselbout, Hacker, and Starke were the architects. Bishop Woznicki dedicated the new school on May 20, 1962.

The new church was built for the sum of $146,000, including furnishings. The first Mass was said in the new church on Dec. 9, 1962. Gregory Construction company, was the General Contractor and Brysselbout, Starke and Hacker were the architects.

The new buildings are located on the old M-20, west of Eight Mile Road. The church was dedicated on May 5, 1963, by Bishop Woznicki. In the near future, a convent and rectory will be erected, according to Father Stanislaus A. Fron, present pastor.

VOCATIONS include one to the Postulate Dominican Order, Grand Rapids, Miss Elizabeth Kehrer, daughter of Raymond and Dorothy Kehrer. The Most Reverend Michael Gallagher, late Bishop of Detroit, was a native son of St. Joseph Parish.

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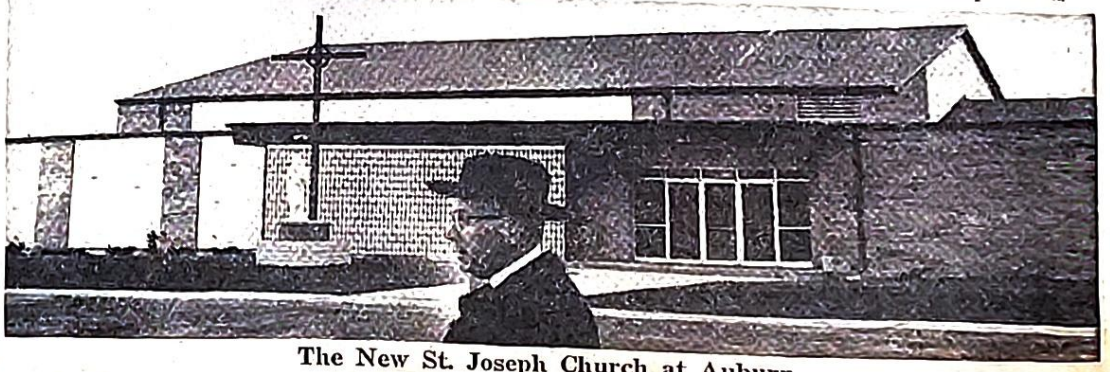

The New St. Joseph Church at Auburn

St. Maria

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phen MacNeil, Lester Porter, Paul Ratkos, Frank Rezler and Alex Sajdak. First members of the Building Committee were William Klosowski, Stanley Kozlowski, E.C. Morin, Otis Nelson Jr., and Lyle Warren.

A Sacrificial Offertory Campaign was conducted in the parish under the direction of G. F. Lenzi and Lester Porter from March 10 through April 1, 1961. Henceforth, there would be only one collection on Sundays wherein each parishioner would make his sacrifice to the Lord to cover all parish expenses. A second collection would be taken up only for extraparochial responsibilities; e.g. the Missions, Catholic Charities, etc.

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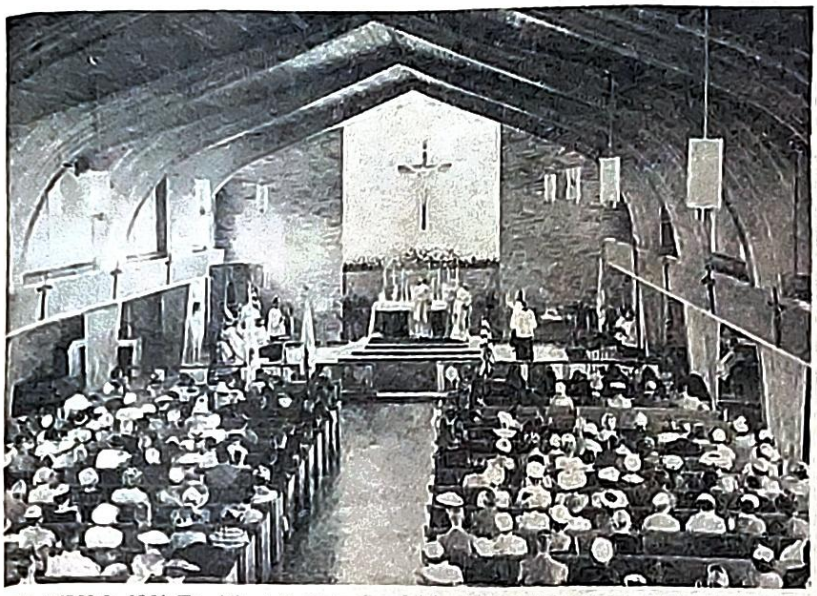
New Church-School

SIXTY-THREE young people made up the first Confirmation Class of the parish. They received the sacrament from Bishop Woznicki on May 16, 1961. The initial First Communion Class numbered 56 children and received the Blessed Sacrament for the first time on May 21, 1961.

First Masses in the St. Maria Goretti combination church and school building were offered on the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, December 8, 1961. The formal blessing of the building took place on Sunday, June 24, 1962, with Bishop Stephen S. Woznicki, D.D., officiating. Father Chester Pilarski, pastor of Kawkawlin Sacred Heart Church, gave the sermon for the occasion.

A shrine and statue of St. Maria Goretti were blessed by Father Kearns on Sunday, May 27, 1962. The shrine of St. Maria Goretti is so located as to be the focal point of the parish grounds. The statue was sculptured in Italy of white carrara marble. All work and materials including the statue were donated by parishioners and friends.

The first Forty Hours Devotions were conducted the first week of January, 1962, by Father Raphael Michalski. Father Augustine C. Baro, M.S.C., and Father Louis D. Viggiano, M.S.C., gave the first Mission in the parish from March 25 to April 8, 1962.



ON JULY 9, 1961 Fr. Albert S. Baumann celebrates a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving to mark the dedication of the new Pinconning St. Michael church by Bishop Stephen S. Woznicki.

New St. Michael's Church Dedicated on July 9, 1961

PINCONNING — The first Catholic families seem to have arrived in this area during the decade of 1870. Others continued to arrive to work in the woods, the mills and later to take up homesteads.

Fr. Albert S. Baumann
Present Pastor

The spiritual needs of these were met by the Missionaries who infrequently and at rather irregular intervals visited the Pinconning area. The best known of these was the Jesuit, Father F. X. Shulak. He made quite a few visits to Pinconning and other areas in north-eastern Michigan. His records show three baptisms in Pinconning in 1870, ten in 1887. In Saganing, near Pinconning, he recorded 19 in 1886.

In 1887 Pinconning became a mission of St. Mary, Bay City. The visiting priests offered Mass in private homes. The Catholics then secured a hall where Mass was offered once a month on a week day.

This was used until a church was built. Late in 1887 the erection of a small church was begun. This was built by the people themeselves, in an old fashioned "building bee."

The first Mass in this new church was offered in April, 1889. This building was enlarged in 1902, by the construction of transcepts, and stood until Easter week, of 1961.

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A Parish in 1891

LATE IN 1891 St. Michael Parish was established, with Fr. Charles DeQuoy as the first pastor. He began the erection of a rectory which still stands, having been remodeled a number of times.

After about 14 months he was succeeded by the Rev. Edward A. Lefebvre, who in later years became Vicar General of the Diocese of Saginaw. Father Lefebvre was transferred to Cadillac in March, 1905.

Father Lefebvre during his pastorate finshed the rectory, bought land for a parish cemetery, enlarged the church to increase its seating capacity by about 100.

Father Edward Racette became the third pastor in March, 1905, remaining until the summer of 1920.

He supervised the erection of St. Michael school, which opened its doors in the fall of 1917. Some of those who entered the 8th grade that fall remained to became the 1st high school students, and graduated in 1922.

Father T. W. Albin was in charge of St. Michael parish from November, 1920 to August, 1921.

Father Arthur J. Flajole became the next pastor at the end of August, 1921 and remained until his death in October, 1929. He erected the present convent, replacing a very small and very inadequate building that had housed the Sisters up to this time.

Father Flajole acquired more land for cemetery purposes and caused the altar and Crucifixion group to be set up in the cemetery. To date he is the only priest who died as pastor of St. Michael and was buried in St. Michael cemetery.

Rev. D. M. O'Leary served as administrator for about six months and was followed in that capacity by the Rev. W. E. Fraser for a period of eight months.

The year 1930 began with Father George J. Gougeon as the new pastor. In 1937 he began the erection of an addition to the school.

This consisted of a gymnasium and stage, a kitchen at one end of the gymnasium, and two class rooms above the stage. This project was merely enclosed when he was transferred to St. Charles Church, Cheboygan, in December, 1937.

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Fr. Baumann's Pastorate

FR. ALBERT S. BAUMANN was appointed pastor of St. Michael Dec. 10, 1937.

The first project was the finishing of the gym, stage and kitchen. The class rooms above the stage being the only part that was finished.

In 1941 the sanctuary in the church was enlarged by moving back the wall behind the altar. This was easily accomplished since the sacristy was a very large one, having at one time served as a winter chapel. The interior of the church was painted and the plastered side walls were covered with Nu-Wood. This was in preparation for the Golden Jubilee of the parish in October, 1941.

The Golden Jubilee was duly observed, Bishop Murphy being present for the occasion. The pastor at the same time observed the 25th anniversary of his ordination.

1952 a second addition was added to St. Michael school. This was a complete unit consisting of four classrooms, an office, storage rooms and rest rooms, also a boiler room and heating plant.

The cornerstone was laid on Aug. 10, 1952. The new addition was ready for the students on the opening day of school in January, 1953.

In 1953 an additional three acres were bought for cemetery purposes. During the next few years considerable work was done on the original school building. The entire building was rewired, tile laid on all floors, the entire exterior was tuck pointed. It was found necessary to tuck point the addition that had been erected in 1937.

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A New Church

THE OLD CHURCH, built in 1887-1888 and enlarged in 1902, now entirely too small, was also showing signs of age. There was no foundation wall, its heavy beams had been laid upon posts.

In June, 1957, a drive began for a new church. Donations and pledges towards a new church

(See PINCONNING, Page 78)

Improvements On St. Agnes Made in 1961

Fr. Casimir Szyper
Present Pastor

PINCONNING—St. Agnes parish was organized and the first church was built in 1916. The first service was held Jan. 1, 1917.

The church was blessed by Bishop Michael J. Gallagher on June 13, 1917.

This first church burned down May 5, 1922.

THE PEOPLE were not discouraged by the disaster but eagerly got to work and constructed a larger building at the cost of $15,000. It was blessed by Bishop Edward Kelly.

St. Agnes was made a mission attached to St. Florian, Standish.

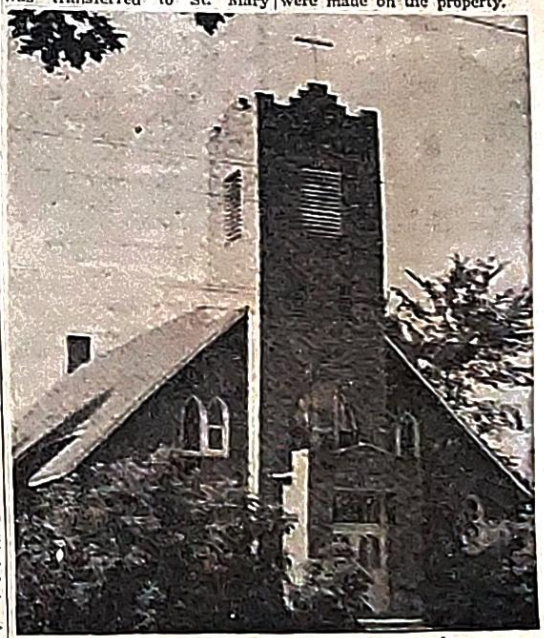
On March 15, 1928, Bishop Joseph Pinten took away St. Agnes from Standish and made it a parish with resident pastor, Fr. Casimir Szyper.

Fr. Louis Wodecki was placed in charge of the parish on Oct. 30, 1935. He was succeeded as pastor in 1950 by Fr. Ignatius Woloszyk.

On June 23, 1953, Fr. Woloszyk was transferred to St. Mary Church, Parisville, and Fr. Szyper succeeded him.

ON JUNE 1, 1957, Fr. Roman Matuszewski of the Parish was ordained to the priesthood, and on June 2 celebrated his First Solemn Mass, in St. Agnes church.

In 1958 a new concrete floor was laid in the church basement. In 1961 the church was redecorated and other improvements were made on the property.



St. Agnes Church in Pinconning

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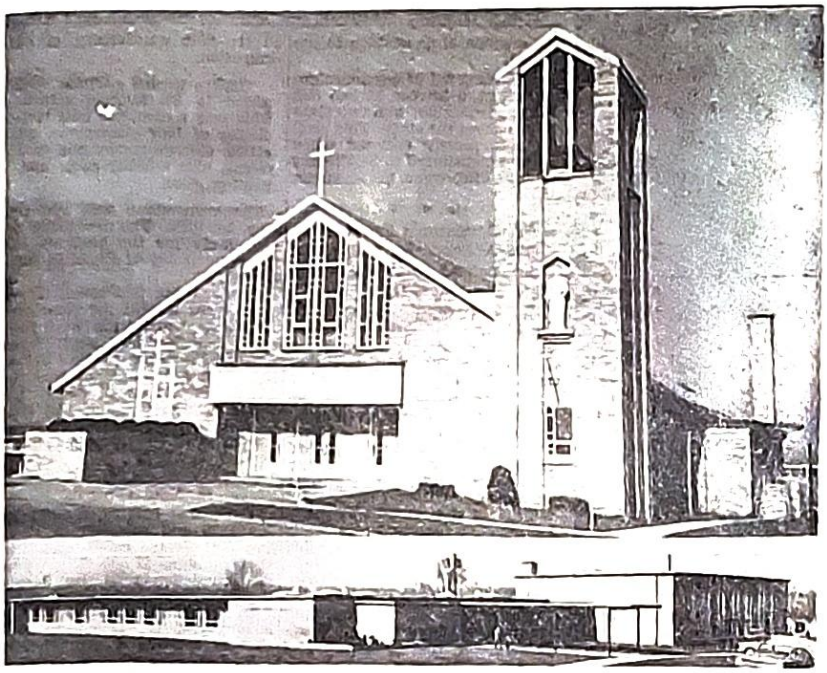

New St. Joseph Church and School, West Branch

New Convent Included in Future Plans at West Branch St. Joseph

WEST BRANCH—Saint Joseph's Parish West Branch, has come a long way since the early pioneer days of 1879, when Father Schulak offered the first Mass in Ogemaw County. It is interesting to note that Catholic Services in Ogemaw County in 1870 were under the care of St. Mary's Parish Cheboygan.

In 1888, Father Aloysius Webeler was appointed first pastor. During his pastorate the small wooden church was built and dedicated on July 1, 1891. The next pastor was Father Godfrey Guthausen who served the parish for eight years from 1900 to 1908. He was succeeded by Father Anthony Eickelman, who resided in West Branch only one year.

Other pastors included Father John Theis, who was succeeded by Father William Hasenberg. With the help of parishioners, he built the school in 1917. Father Urban A. Miller was appointed to succeed him and remained as pastor until 1952, when Father Aloysius J. O'Toole replaced him January 18, 1952.

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Repair Buildings

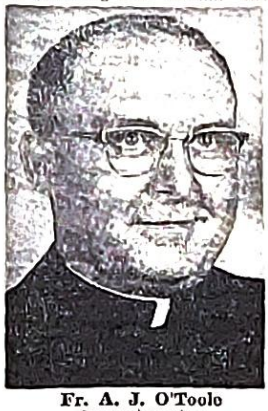
DURING THE first year of the pastorate of Fr. O'Toole with the help of many parishioners, all the parish buildings were repaired and repainted. A new parking lot was constructed behind the church. The following year, the old school was renovated with new floors and desks to serve the two hundred students at that time.

The same year, five acres of land were purchased to the west of the old school for $0,-300 from Margaret Husted to serve as a playground for the students.

In the year 1955, it was apparent to all, that the small wooden church would no longer care for the rapidly growing parish and the hundreds of resorters who came to this area every summer. Father O'Toole held several meetings with the church committee consisting of George Diebold, Henry Schulty, Donatus Zettel, Felix Laroeque and Sterling Ammond.

After much thought and planning, the committee decided to launch a building fund drive for a new church. In April, 1955, Father O'Toole aided by one-hundred men from the parish, launched a very successful fund drive. It brought in $105,000 in cash and pledges.

Soon after the Fund Drive was completed, Fr. O'Toole and the church committee with the approval of the Most Reverend Bishop Stephen S. Woznicki, went ahead with the plans for a new church. Joseph Goddeyne was chosen as the architect and the plans were completed by December 1955. In February 1956, the bids were opened. Collinson Construction Co. of Midland, Michigan was low bidder with a bid of $116,000. Frimberger was awarded the heating, Kuzwara the plumbing and Krohm the electrical, all of Saginaw. The cost of the new church was $150,-000.



Fr. A. J. O'Toole
Present Pastor

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Work Begins on Church

THE WORK on the new church began April 17, 1956. Rt. Rev. John J. Sonefeld, Vicar-General of the Diocese, blessed and laid the cornerstone on July 1, 1956. Work progressed very rapidly on the new church. The first Mass was celebrated on Christmas eve 1956. By Easter 1957, the new church was completely finished with new altars and pews. On Memorial Day of that year the Pastor's and people's dream became a reality with the solemn dedication of the new church by the Most Reverend Stephen S. Woznicki, Bishop of Saginaw.

Following the solemn Blessing, a solemn High Mass was celebrated by the pastor Fr. Aloysius J. O'Toole, assisted by Fr. Henry Bobeck, deacon and Fr. Francis Lang sub-deacon. The sermon was given by Fr. Thomas Atkins a native of the parish. One of the unusual things about this new church, was that the debt was fully paid in October 1957.

The Bishop in his sermon called the new church, " a Miracle of Generosity."

Not content with the building of a new church, the parishioners were asked by Fr. O'Toole to continue their pledges to build a new school, which was badly needed. On May 1, 1958, the building fund was started. The committee for the new school was Donatus Zettel, George Diebold, Sterling Ammond, Adrian Dantzer Jr. and Laverne Raymond.

With the approval of the Bishop, the pastor and committee chose Spears and Prine as architects. Plans for six classrooms, a multipurpose room and a modern kitchen were ready by June 1960, and bids were opened in July. Curtis Construction company, West Branch, was the General Contractor, Vic Niles, heating and plumbing West Branch, and Alward of Gladwin, electric. The cost of the new school was $161,000.

The school was completed in June, 1961, and classes began in September with an enrollment of 214 grade students. Sister Jane Frances was the first principal. She was assisted by Sisters Edmund, Angelina, Mary Ellen, Paul Edward, Eloysa, Jamasine and Blanche Thomas.

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Dedicate New School

THE NEW SCHOOL was dedicated on October 1 1961, by Bishop Woznicki. He also preached the sermon. On that occasion, the Bishop said: "Saint Joseph's parish has an enviable record in the Diocese in building two major buildings in the short period of five years." He also felicitated the pastor and the people and recognized the sacrifices and generosity which made them possible. Today the parish is free of debt and plans call for a new convent in the near future.

During the past five years two students have been studying for the priesthood, Kim Middleton at the Divine seminary at Perrysburg, Ohio, and Gregory DeMatto at the Columban seminary at Silver Creek, New York. Joan Lehman is now Sister Lois Ann in the Dominican Order in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The review of the past ten years brings to mind countless acts of kindness, of outstanding generosity and self sacrifice. The parishioners of this decade will always be remembered for the new church and new school they built—everlasting monuments to their faith and love of God.

Michigan Pioneer—

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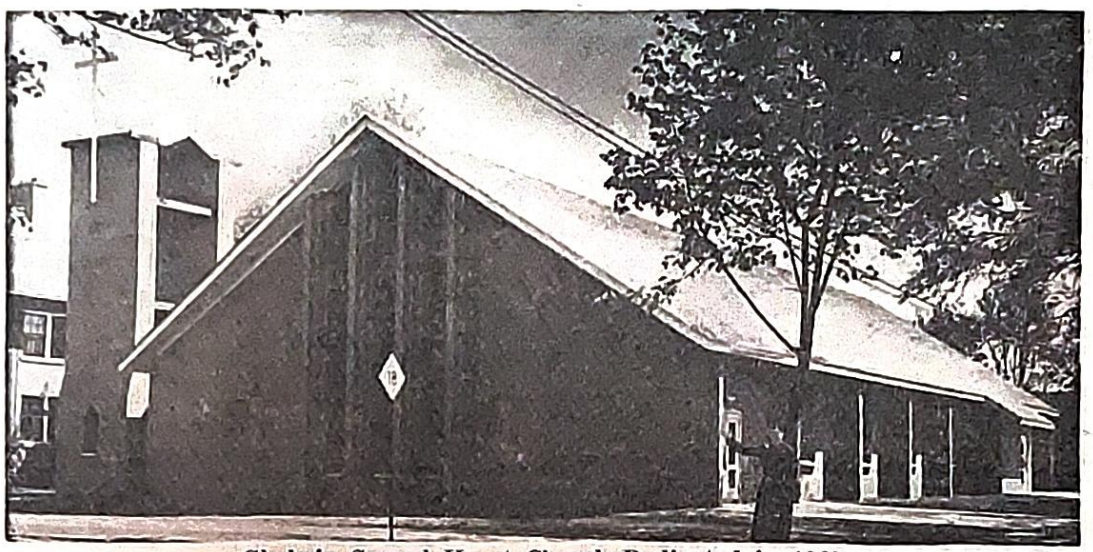

Gladwin Sacred Heart Church Dedicated in 1962

School Re-Opens, New Church Built in Decade of Progress at Gladwin

GLADWIN—Beginning Oct. 5, 1881, Fr. James Byrne of Midland began saying mass in Gladwin in private homes about every three months on a week day.

In 1888 Gladwin Sacred Heart became a mission of Pinconning. In 1893 the first Sacred Heart church was completed. On July 11, 1908, Sacred Heart was made a parish with Coleman and Harrison as missions.

Sacred Heart school was built out of fieldstones gathered by the farm people from the area and in September, 1918 it opened with four nuns teaching in the first grades.

Due to the depression, the school was closed in 1932 and remained closed until 1952 when it reopened.

This early historical period of Sacred Heart Parish is covered in detail in the 1952 Historical Edition of The Catholic Weekly.

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Modern Era Opens

ON SEPT. 12, 1951, Fr. George Artman became Sacred Heart pastor, succeeding Fr. Michael Wolf.

In line with plans to reopen the school in September of 1952, work was started in the winter of 1952 to rebuild the school interior. The old furnace room and inside walls in the basement were taken out.

On the first floor, office walls were put in. Even the cloakrooms had to be rebuilt. The blackboards were replaced.

After the basement was cleaned out all new ceilings were put up in the school. Knotty pine lumber was put on all the inside walls.

Work was done by men of the parish, with four to ten men in every day all during the winter working on the project.

In March, 1952, a new hot water heating system was installed as well as all new plumbing. In the spring, the floors were sanded, new desks were bought as well as all the other things needed to furnish the school.

During the summer of 1952, the outside of the school was waterproofed. The cost totalled about $15,000 for all of this work.

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School Opens

IN AUGUST of 1952 four Bernardine Sisters came to teach. Three of them taught academic subjects and the fourth taught music.

The school opened under the principalship of Sr. Floria, with an enrollment of 75 children.

During the summer and fall

Fr. George S. Artman
Present Pastor

of 1952 a new convent was built behind the school, with a tunnel connecting it to the school. The 30x36 foot long convent has a full basement and has a laundry room, trunk room, fruit room and deep freeze.

The first floor has six rooms, one of them being the chapel. On the second floor are five cells.

Total cost of the convent was $12,000, plus about $2,000 to furnish it. Men of the parish again donated their time in the construction of the building. If the school had been rebuilt by a contractor it would probably have cost about $30,000.

Plans for the rebuilding of the school and the building of the convent were drawn up and construction supervised by Fr. Artman.

On Sept. 18, 1953, a 330x375 foot plot of ground was purchased from John Faler to be used as a playground. Its cost was $2,500.

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New Cemetery

IN SEPTEMBER of 1953, grading was started to make the playground useable. Only half the plot was leveled, because the east half needed more fill ground.

In the summer of 1954 top soil was hauled in to the west half which had been leveled. Grass was planted. Eight swings and eight teetertoters were placed on the playground.

By September, 1957, the school in its sixth year of operation, had increased its enrollment to 117 children.

In the summer of 1959, ten acres of land were purchased for the new parish cemetery from Ray Rogers at a cost of $1,100. It is located 1½ miles north and three quarters of a mile east of Gladwin.

Wendell Flynn donated $2,250 toward the cemetery.

In September of 1959, 2.5 acres of the central front portion was graded and seeded into a lawn. These 2.5 acres were also divided into four sections, with driveways graded and gravel around the outside and through the center both ways. Blue spruce trees were planted around the outside of these four sections.

The southwest section was plotted off, with grave markers put into place. The southwest corner of this section is plotted off and called Babyland. Here infants are laid to rest without any cost for the grave.

The rest of this section is plotted off, with one row of single graves and the remainder in two graves per lot. Cost is $75 per grave.

In the center of this section during November, 1962, there was erected a shrine of the Sacred Heart. The base, wings and the statue are made of varicolored granite. Total cost of the shrine is $2,800.

The cemetery is the newest of its kind. All the grave markers must be flush-type markers.

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New Church Built

DURING THE summer of 1962, one lot north of the present school was bought from Archie Graham for $2,000. A second lot north of the present school was bought from Philip O'Neil for $1,700. The lots will be used as base for a future new school.

Also in the summer of 1962, a lot east of the convent was bought from Edgar E. Allen for $900. A second lot east of the convent was bought by Dennis Brubaker and given to the parish. These two lot are being used for extra parking space.

On April 9, 1961, work was begun to move the old church to the east side of the church property for use as a temporary church while the new Sacred Heart Church was being built. It was torn down after Christmas.

On Feb. 20, 1961, Charles Jones Associates, architects and engineers, from Flint, was engaged to draw plans for the new church. Fr. Artman assisted Mr. Jones in the design and construction of the church.

There was no contractor employed. Fr. Artman supervised construction with the aid of local tradesmen.

Construction began the first week of May, 1961. The floor rests on full-length foundations every seven feet apart with double re-enforcing rods and mesh to avoid any cracking. All the wiring is underground and in the walls.

The heating system is hot water baseboard heat. Heating is provided by a hot water baseboard system.

Sacred Heart Church measures 128x50 feet, with an addition 44x12 feet. Its exterior of the church is featured by a low overhanging roof, and three stained glass windows on the front of the church from the ground to the peak of the roof. The roof is built on a self-supporting construction.

Interior of the church has terrazzo and pure-vinyl tile on all the floors. Inside walls are painted waylite block. Ceiling is so well insulated that the heating for an entire year comes to only $100.

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Dedicated June 3, 1962

ALL OF THE walls behind the side altars and main altar are finished in full length clear fir lumber.

In construction, each 12-inch board was spaced 1¼ inch apart so as to give a panel effect.

The front of the choir loft is finished in the same design paneling.

Main altar, the predella, the two side altars and the communion railing are in granite. They were designed and set by Cold Spring Granite Co.

There are 54 pews of red oak, finished in natural red oak color with a hard plastic varnish. Each pew is 17 feet long.

Seating capacity of the main body of the church is 650. The vestibule and other choir space permits seating of another 200. Cost of the new church, including pews, altars and other furnishings, was $110,000.

The new Sacred Heart Church was dedicated by Bishop Woznicki at noon, Sunday, June 3, 1962. The Fourth Degree K.C. Color Corps. provided honor guard.

Fr. Artman was celebrant at solemn Mass of Thanksgiving. Fr. Francis Flynn, a native of the parish, was deacon of the mass. The sermon was given by Msgr. Eugene A. Forbes, then chancellor.

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K.C. Council Formed

ON MAY 20, 1962, men of Sacred Heart parish were given a charter in the formation of new K.C. council 52 AD. There were 79 charter members.

The charter was officially given on Oct. 14, 1962 at which time a banquet was served with state officers present.

The parish has purchased additional land for a new school expected to be started in the summer of 1963. Present school enrollment is 175. The school has one classroom at present in the basement. There are 4 sisters and 1 lay teacher on the faculty.

Since 1952, eight girls from Sacred Heart have entered the Bernardine order.

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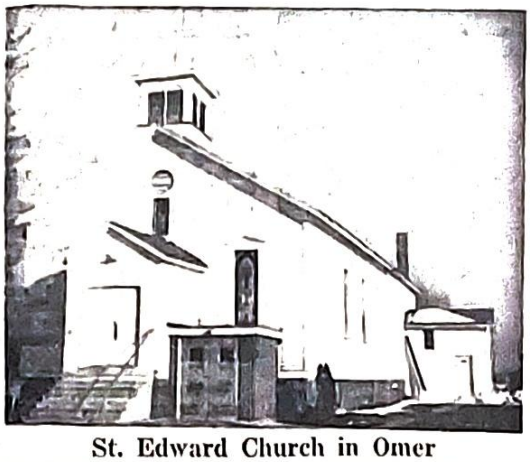

St. Edward Church in Omer

New St. Mark's Church Dedicated Aug. 25, 1954

AU GRES—The area of Saginaw diocese around Au Gres has never been blessed with a resident pastor. However, the Catholic Faith here has a beautiful history even as a mission parish.

Families that date back to the pioneer days of this area and still have Catholic descendants here are the Proulx, Badour, Seymour and McLean families.

People of these families remember hearing of the priests of St. Michael's parish in Pinconning who served the area.

They were Fr. Aloysius Webeler, Fr. C. H. Dequoy, and Fr. Edward A. Lefebrve whom some personally remember.

Mass at the time of these priests, 1888-1901, was first offered in one of the larger homes in town—usually at the McFall, McDonnell or Sevigne home.

Later, about 1895, a church building was constructed with the aid of men of the parish and under the direction of the Boucher brothers of Bay City.

The building is lovingly remembered by the people of St. Mark's. It remained in service until 1954 when the new and more adequate church was completed.

Fr. Julian Doucet of St. John's in Standish served St. Mark's after the time of Fr. Lefebrve. There is a record kept in the baptismal records of St. John's Church that testifies that the stations of the Cross were erected at St. Mark's by Fr. Doucet on March 16, 1902, and signed by Pat McLean and W. J. Badour as witnesses.

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New Church Dedicated

SINCE 1907 the priestly administration of the parish is more definitely known as it became the mission of the new neighboring parish of St. Edward's in Omer. This history was written in 1952.

The one great achievement since the last writing of this history is the building of a new St. Mark's Church under the direction of the pastor, Fr. Henry Eickholt.

Shortly after he became pastor in 1952 he received from Bishop Wozniekl permission to plan a new building. Between Feb. 18 and July 10, 1953, plans were prepared and passed.

The parish became indebted $25,000 and began their church building under the supervision of Edward Sawyer of Au Gres, a parishioner of St. Mark's. There was a great deal of volunteer work by Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

The Church was dedicated by Bishop Wozniekl on Wednesday, Aug. 25, 1954. Dinner was served at Cornell's for the visiting priests and for the parishioners.

With the generous financial help of the tourists, the debt of $25,000 was paid in full on April 27, 1960.

Lately the frontage of St. Mark's along Court Street was extended from 383 feet to 580 feet through the purchase of property to the north of the already existing property. The depth of St. Mark's along Church street on the south is 1,365 feet.

During August, 1962, a parking lot of 22,400 sq. ft. was blacktopped.

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CCD Organized

EARLY IN 1962 the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine was officially erected in the parish by Fr. Kenneth Povish.

Fred Proulx was appointed the first president; Joseph Walker, vice president; Mrs. Cleatus Manor, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Harold Manor, teacher chairman; Mrs. Henry Bilacic, helper chairman; Mrs. James Hatcher, parent educator chairman; and Mrs. Edward Tarnosky, discussion club chairman.

There are teachers of catechism for each individual grade.

They are Mrs. Vern Mathews, Grade 1; Mrs. Joseph Kasprzyk and Mrs. Alvin Heinrich, Grade 2; Mrs. James Sanford, Grade 3; Mrs. George Yotkois, Grade 4; Mrs. Harold Manor, Grade 5; Mrs. Willard Tucker, Grade 6; Mrs. Margaret Dittenber, Grades 7 and 8; Fr. Noel Rudy, high school.

The Church Committee in 1962 included Peter Stanley, James Sanford, Leonard Gulvas, Joseph Walker and Ronald Moore.

Officers of the Altar society were Mrs. George Yotkois, president; Mrs. Joseph Wilk, vice president; Mrs. Fred Proulx, treasurer; and Mrs. James Sanford, secretary.

Land Already Purchased as Site of Future Omer St. Edward Church

OMER—St. Edward's Parish was established in the year of 1907 when Bishop Henry Joseph Richter appointed Fr. A. K. Szaslakowski to be pastor. Mission churches attached to this mother parish were St. James in Whittemore, Our Lady of Lourdes in Turner and St. Mark's in AuGres; the latter being the only mission still attached.

Previous to this time Mass was offered in the area about four times a year by Fr. LeFebrue of Pinconning and later by Fr. Doucet of Standish in the private homes, usually the McDonnell residence.

Even as far back as 1891 Bishop Richter had obtained property near Omer. About a five-acre site along the Rifle river was purchased from the Rifle Boom company to be used as a cemetery for Catholics in Arenac county.

This parcel of land is used today as the parish cemetery but only 55 lots of 8 burial places have been purchased in all these years. Preparation for new burial places is of immediate necessity.

The present parish buildings are somewhat older than the parish. The front part of the building that is St. Edward's church today is wood frame. At one time it was the Omer public school building.

The building was divided in 1898, half used by the Catholics of Omer and the other half used by the other religious group.

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Rectory Built

BY 1910 FR. Jewell, the pastor, found it necessary to add on to the church. This addition was done in cement block.

Later a basement was dug under the church while Fr. Roguszka was pastor in 1934-37.

The house that serves as St. Edward's rectory was built in 1896 and has been on the site since the founding of the parish. It was purchased from the banker of Omer, Mr. Mazeumber.

Only once was there a major repair and that was after a fire which destroyed part of the interior on April 2, 1910. At the time Fr. VanGessel requested permission to have a full basement under the house, have three bedrooms and a bath upstairs; move the heating plant to the basement and rewire the whole house.

Fr. Frawley who wrote the history in 1952 was transferred later the same year. He had however, the unique privilege in Omer to see one of the sons of St. Edward's parish ordained a priest (Fr. J. Edward Trombley) on June 3, 1950 and say his first Solemn Mass at St. Edward's.

There have been no vocations to the Sisterhood.

Fr. Aloysius F. Lackl
Present Pastor

Fr. Joseph Kearns from June 30, 1952 served St. Edward's for several months until Fr. Henry Eickholt became pastor on Sept. 2, 1952. During his stay in Omer he did much to beautify the external appearance of the parish grounds and redecorated the interior of the church.

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New Church Planned

FR. NOEL RUDY became pastor on May 26, 1959. Since then St. Edward's has been given permission to build a new Church and all attention is pointed toward that end.

The half of the block behind the present church and rectory was purchased from Margaret George in September 1962. This piece of land will provide a very fine location for the building now in the planning stages.

In July and August of 1961 Mr. Lenzi spoke to the people of St. Edward's Parish concerning Church support.

He encouraged the practice of the tithing system of offering. Since then the parish income has been good enough not only to care for present necessities but also to plan for some future improvements.

In March of 1963 Fr. Rudy was assigned to Shields Holy Spirit parish. While at St. Edward and St. Mark's, he exercised leadership and foresight in both parish organization and community affairs.

He was succeeded by Fr. Aloysius F. Lackl.

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CCD Active in Parish

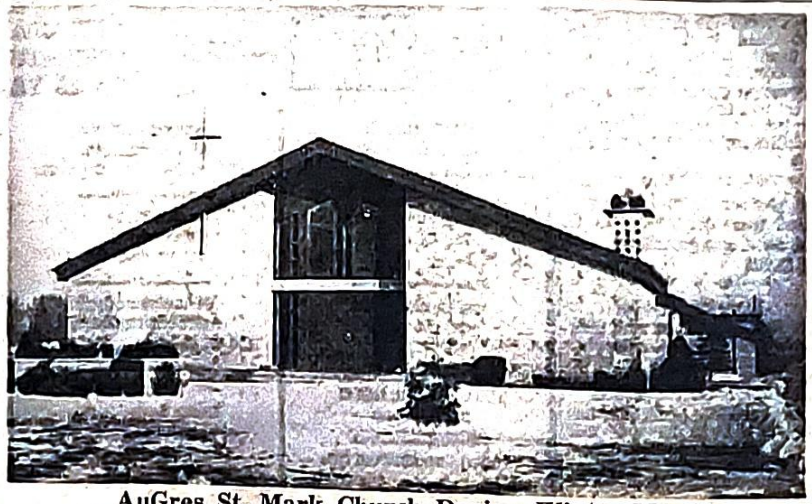
THE PARISH also has an active group of teachers of catechism. The Sadlier Series "On Our Way" is the accepted grade school text for learning about God.

Each grade has its individual teacher; even though there may be only 4 or 5 children in the class. Mrs. Raymond Kulek has grade 1; Mrs. Robert Pomaville, grade 2; Phyllis Hopp, grade 3; Mrs. Leo Schultz, grade 4; Mrs. Mitchell Pula, grade 5; Mrs. Joseph Bootz, grade 6; Mrs. Frank Kopasz, grades 7 and 8.

The high school is taught by Fr. Rudy.

Church Committee members are Carl Sellak, Joseph Bootz, Walter Pula, Walter Strelecki and John Findlay.

Altar society officers are: president, Mrs. Robert Pomaville; vice-president, Mrs. Joseph Bootz; secretary, Mrs. Albert Adamski; treasurer, Mrs. Thomas Mulvahill.



AuGres St. Mark Church During Winter Months

Pinconning

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were sought. There was no building fund on hand.

The people, anxious for a new church, responded generously by donations and pledges. Things looked so encouraging that in November, 1958, an architect was engaged to discuss the matter. The Pastor with his Building Committe met a number of times during 1959 to consider the various plans he proposed. Late in 1959 the architect proposed the plans now carried out in the new church. He was now instructed to proceed with the final and complete plans for a church to seat 700, and its construction to begin in the summer of 1960. These final plans received the approval of the Bishop and the Diocesan Building Committee in May, 1960.

After all bids had been considered, the contracts were let at the end of June, 1960, and the new church was now to become a reality. Ground was broken on Wednesday, Aug. 3. The first excavations for footings were made on August 5.

Due to the excellent weather during the fall the building program proceeded rapidly. By the end of 1960 the church was practically enclosed and heated. The interior work now proceeded on schedule. During the last weeks of March the floor tile was laid, the pews were installed and the altars set up. April 1, Holy Saturday, was moving day from the old to the new church.

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Open for Easter Rites

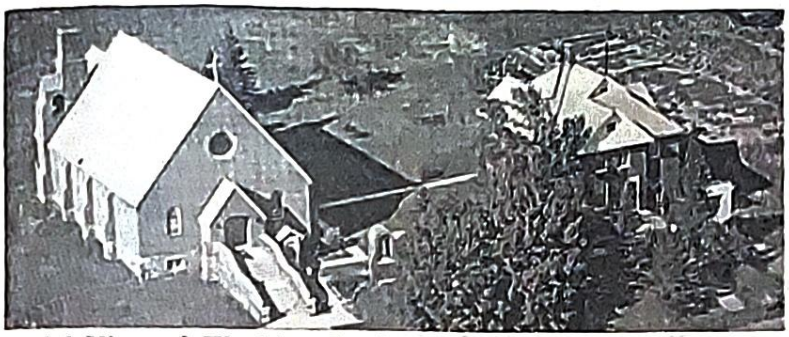
THE EASTER Vigil, at 11 p.m. April 1, was the first Service in the new church. The church was well filled. This was also true for the morning Masses, at 8 and 10.

After the old church was dismantled and the building removed, the construction of the covered approach was begun. This was completed in a few weeks, the lawn was sodded and the grounds landscaped.

On June 12, Msgr. John J. Sonefeld consecrated the main altar. The church was dedicated on Sunday, July 9, 1961 by Bishop Wozniekl.

The Dedication Mass was offered by Fr. Baumann, who was commemorating the 45th anniversary of his ordination, while the parish observed the 70th anniversary of its founding.

The Stations of the Cross, wood carvings from northern Italy, arrived about 10 months after being ordered and they were canonically erected March 27, 1962.



Aerial View of Klacking Creek St. Joseph Church and Rectory

St. Joseph's Marked 50th Jubilee in 1959

KLACKING CREEK—The year of 1880 brought to the settlers of Campbell Corners, where James Campbell had a sawmill, and neighborhood their first priest. He was Father Francis X. Schulak, a Jesuit missionary from Chicago, celebrated Mass once or twice a year in the old William Mier home.

The Mier home soon was too small for the Catholics to attend Mass. So, the adjoining property with a public school building was purchased for $250. An addition to this school was quickly made, and this enlarged building was blessed as a church by Bishop Richter. The small piece of land in back of the Church was converted into a cemetery. The wife of Joseph Stephens was the first one to be buried there.

After working for the little congregation for seven years, Fr. Schulak was succeeded by Fr. Aloysius Webbler, who became the first pastor at West Branch on Feb. 24, 1888.

The next pastor at West Branch, Fr. Godfrey Guthausen, received an assistant priest, Fr. John Reiss on July 31, 1903 to help in the care of the growing Missions attached to West Branch.

Thanks to the work of Fr. Reiss and the good will of the people, a new and larger church was built on the present site at Klacking Creek, consisting of five acres purchased from Conrad Meir, sr., for $125.

On account of the new location, the name of the parish was later changed from Campbell Corners to Klacking Creek. John Klacking together with Christopher Reetz were the first settlers of this area in 1872.

The stream running through the property, which John Klacking homesteaded, was named Klacking Creek, which also became the name of the surrounding community.

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Parish Status in 1909

KLACKING CREEK St. Joseph was elevated to the rank of a Parish on May 15, 1909 with Fr. William J. Schueller as its first pastor, but the rectory was not ready to be occupied until Dec. 31, 1912.

Fr. John Abel became the second pastor at Klacking Creek on Jan. 1, 1914. His hope to build a Catholic school here did not succeed.

Fr. Urban Miller became pastor on Nov. 8, 1921.

St. Mary's Mission, Mio, was attached to St. Joseph's on Feb. 1, 1922, until Fr. Hubert Rakowski, O.F.M., became its first pastor in 1945.

Fr. Godfrey Lonzen became the fourth pastor at Klacking Creek on April 27, 1928, and remained until he died on April 12, 1950, a pastorate of almost 22 years.

On April 3, 1931 the church burned. There still was a parish debt of $500.

Plans for the new church approved by Bishop Joseph G. Pinten required $12,000, and the old church had been insured for only $8,000. Yet by Oct. 15 the new church was under roof on the foundation of the old church. Though it was finished only on the outside, due to the donations of $1,000 and most of the labor the parish was out of debt.

A new church bell was donated in 1935. On Ascension Thursday, May 14, 1942, the new St. Joseph's church at Klacking Creek was Blessed by Bishop William Murphy of Saginaw.

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Modern Era

FR. GEORGE Artman was pastor from June 23, 1950 to Sept. 12, 1951. During this short time he took a census, instructed many converts, renovated the main altar, the church hall, and the cemetery, and refinished the pews with the help of the parishioners.

While Fr. George W. Flanagan was pastor here, a new garage and a rear church hall entrance were built, the altar boys' sacristy was remodeled, tables for the church hall were purchased, and a shrine of Our Lady of Fatima was constructed.

On June 15, 1956 Fr. Edward Trombley was installed as the seventh pastor.

In his six years, evening Masses were established on Holy Days and First Fridays, religion classes for the public school children were organized and conducted during the school year by the Dominican Sisters and lay teachers, the rectory kitchen was remodeled, the church and rectory were painted, floor coverings and new equipment were installed in the church and hall, a new well for water was drilled, the parish grounds were improved, and a new statue of St. Joseph was erected in the cemetery.

In 1957 the parishioners pledged $10,208 for the new Saginaw St. Paul Seminary which this parish's first seminarian, David Benjamin, entered in September, 1961.

Verna and Barbara Selesky entered the Religious Order of Dominicans in 1961 and 1962.

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Golden Jubilee

THE GOLDEN Jubilee of 50 years as a parish was celebrated on June 21, 1959 with a Solemn Mass by the pastor in the presence of Bishop Woznicki, the clergy and the parishioners, Fr. George Artman, a former pastor, gave the sermon.

After the Mass 40 adults and children were confirmed. This was followed by a dinner served by the Altar Society.

In the 50 years the parish records show 780 Baptisms, 592 First Holy Communions, 660 Confirmations, 194 marriages, and 229 funerals.

Compulsory school attendance law passed in Michigan in 1871. Children between ages of 8 and 14 required to attend school at least 12 weeks each year.

Fr. J. Edward Trombley
Present Pastor

Nun Favors Emphasis on Colleges

PORTSMOUTH, R.I., (NC) —Sister M. Madeleva, a former college president, said here she favors the elimination of primary and secondary parochial schools if this would make Catholic colleges the best in the country.

The former president of St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Ind., said that a basic goal of Catholic education is to Christianize and humanize the world, and this end is best achieved by high quality college education.

SISTER MADELEVA spoke at a seminar on Christian humanism sponsored by the Spiritual Life Institute of America at Elmhurst Academy here.

Father William McNamara, O.C.D., founder and spiritual director of the institute, said that college curriculum should offer more than lectures, readings and discussions.

They should offer silence and solitude, and an opportunity for students to develop their 'super-rational, intuitive powers of learning and knowing."

Earlier in the conference, Father McNamara said that the world's great task is "not to moralize but to humanize."

He contended that people are too distracted by means rather than ends, and that "too many people think that we become holy by surrendering our humanity."

Fire in State Office Building, Lansing in 1951, cost of remodeling $2,939,500; name of building changed to Lewis Cass Building.

St. Stephen of Hungary Made a Parish in 1960

SKIDWAY LAKE — In May, 1957, permission was obtained from the Bishop by William Nesbitt to have Mass celebrated in Mills Township hall for the people of the Skidway Lake area. The first Mass in the hall was said by Father Joseph V. Kluonius, present administrator of St. Stephen parish.

At that time the Skidway Lake Station was under the administration of Father Eugene Lebory of St. John the Baptist Parish, Standish.

On Sep. 8, 1957, the Bishop granted permission to a group of men including Nesbitt, Paul Oberlin, Paul Hupcik, Chris Nolde and Joseph Jablonski to build a church which would serve the Skidway Lake area. On this same date the administration of the Skidway Lake Mission was given to St. Joseph parish, West Branch, pastor Father Aloysius O'Toole.

GROUND breaking ceremonies for the new Church on Greenwood Road took place on May 25, 1958, and construction started on June 1, 1958.

Less than two months later the first Mass was celebrated in the new edifice by Father O'Toole on July 27, 1958. The Bishop decided to name this parish after his own patron saint, St. Stephen of Hungary, the only such named parish in the diocese.

The Mission of St. Stephen was separated from St. Joseph of West Branch and made a parish with the appointment of its first administrator Father Kluonius on June 15, 1960.

On the same date the Mission of St. Joseph, Alger, was transferred from St. John the Baptist, Standish, to St. Stephen Parish, Skidway Lake.

St. Stephen Church was blessed by Bishop Woznicki on Sunday, July 8, 1962.

Other priests to celebrate Mass at the Mills Township hall and the new Church before it was a parish were Father Alphonse Kromka, Father O'Toole, Father Jerome Trombley of Klacking Creek, Father Aristodemo Rodriguez, and others.

ST. STEPHEN'S started out with only one Mass on Sunday—adding a second Mass with the appointment of Father Kluonius. This summer it became necessary to add a third Mass, making the current Mass schedule: 7:30, 9 and 11 during July and August. The Church seats 425 people and thus serves about 1,300 people each Sunday.

The Skidway Lake area has many summer residents and yet room for many more. As this resort area continues to grow so does St. Stephens parish. The parish purchased the present temporary rectory on March 20, 1961. It is located on the corner of Greenwood Road and West Shore Drive.

The Dominican Sisters come from West Branch each Summer to teach Catechism to the Children of the parish. Each Summer George Koski, who is studying to be a priest, helps out in the parish besides an extra priest to help with the Masses.

The present Church Committee is made up of Clarence Dishaw, Nesbitt, Oberlin, Ronan Flannagan and Lester Leonard.

Fr. Joseph V. Kluonius

Church Enlarged in 1955

ALGER — The early history of St. Joseph mission is contained in the 1952 Catholic Weekly historical edition.

St. Joseph was transferred from St. Florian Parish, Standish, to St. John the Baptist Parish, Standish on Feb. 1, 1951, under the pastorship of Father Eugene Labory.

Priests to serve under Father Labory were Fathers Mason L. Vaughn, Joseph V. Kluonius, and Vernon J. Sierminski.

THE CHURCH was enlarged in 1955.

After Father Labory's resignation as pastor, St. Joseph Mission was under the pastorship of Father Joseph A. Castanier with the help of Father Robert J. Couillard.

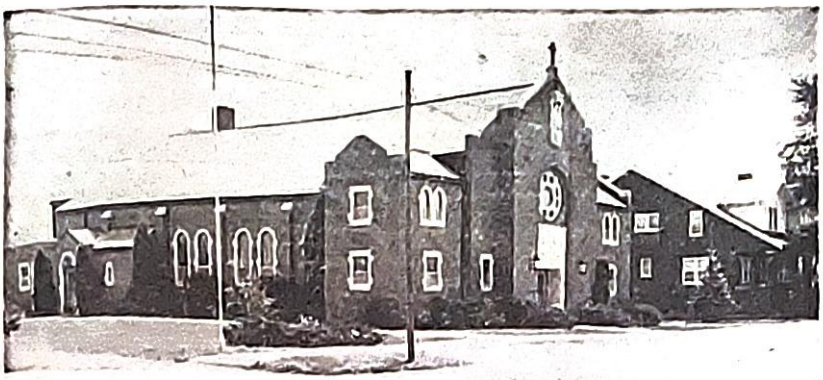
On June 15, 1960, St. Joseph Mission was transferred from St. John the Baptist, Standish, to the parish of St. Stephen, Skidway Lake, under the administration of Father Kluonius.

St. Joseph Mission Parish purchased a new altar in 1961 and a new Communion rail to match the altar in 1963. The Dominican Sisters come from West Branch each Summer to teach the children of the parish Catechism.

St. Joseph's Church Committee is presently composed of Fulbert Kosmider, Edmund Surmann, Felix Elsch, Gerald White, and Joseph Sakaly, jr.

Legislature met for the first time in the Capitol in Lansing in 1848. It was a frame building 60 by 90 feet.

St. Stephen Church in New Skidway Lake Parish



St. Florian Church and Rectory, Standish

Catechetical Center Future Goal of St. Florian Parish

STANDISH — St. Florian Parish was established by Bishop Richter of Grand Rapids in June of 1911. Prior to that the people of the Polish, Czech and Slovak nationalities had been served by the priests of St. Stanislaus Church, Bay City.

The first priest to serve these people was Father Edward Kozlowski, later Bishop of Milwaukee and also his assistant Father Chodkiewicz who came in 1910.

Even though no church building was erected and Mass was offered in St. John the Baptist Church for the people of the parish, Father Kozlowski named the church in honor of St. Florian.

Finally after much hardship and sacrifice, a temporary church was built and the first Mass was offered on Christmas Eve in 1911. This church building was to serve the people until 1951 when the present new Church of St. Florian was finished and the first Mass in the new church was again offered on Christmas Eve in 1951.

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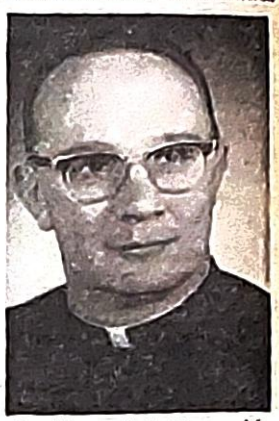
Parish Builds

THE RECTORY was built under Father Stanley Sikorski in 1921 for the nominal cost of $18,000—and today, the same rectory is insured for a replacement value of $75,000. This attests to the solidity and planning of the rectory which serves today the needs of the people and the pastor.

After the building of the rectory, the priests started to save for the new church and all of them deserve much credit for their efforts.

However, two priests must be singled out for their constant work in this project: Father Michael Kujawa who came to St. Florian's in 1941 with the church fund at only $7,000 and by his departure in 1948, he had raised $60,000 for the building fund, and Father John Kucinski, who came to St. Florian's in June of 1950, and through his hard work the new church was built and finished in the interior at a total cost of $165,000 and paid in full by 1959.



Fr. Sigmund J. Haremski
Present Pastor

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Present Pastor

FATHER SIGMUND J. Haremski was appointed pastor in June of 1960 and during his present time at St. Florian, the old parish hall which was not suitable for any parish projects was sold to the V.F.W. post of Standish.

The rear of the church property was cleared of all debris, exits made for easier ingress and egress from the church parking lot, parking lights were installed and part of the parking lot was black-topped.

Future plans for St. Florian Parish calls for the finishing of black-topping, placing of a statue of St. Florian in the vacant niche in front of the church, a cry room, bell-tower — and if at all possible to build a catechetical center for the teaching of religion to grade school children who are now being taught in the church and rectory basement.

The high school students have joint-religion classes for both parishes in the new St. John the Baptist catechetical school. Mutual co-operation was established between the two Catholic parishes in Standish to the good of both parish members.

The church committee for 1962 included Donald Bissonette, Leonard Gasiciel, Anthony Huhla, Albert Raynak and Larry Wolszon.

Officers of Ladies Altar-Rosary Society: president, Rose Zuchnik; first vice-president, Joy Jurek; second vice - president, Lenore Flick; treasurer, Clara Rudzinski; and secretary, Joan Moll.

Officers of Ushers-Holy Name society: president, Leonard Gasiciel; vice-president, Anthony Zawacki; treasurer, Michael Pavelka; secretary, Andrew Pavelka.

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Pastors of Parish

Priests who served St. Florian Church and month and year of appointment are:

Grand Rapids — June, 1911 — Father Edward Podlaszewski (first resident pastor); May, 1917 Father Stanley Sikorski; February, 1922—Father Andrew Bieniawski; August, 1928 — Father Boniface Winowiecki; June, 1934 — Father John Maksymowski; December, 1934 — Father John Klonowski.

Saginaw Diocese—May, 1938—Father Leo Piaskiwski; June, 1939—Father Edward Szturmowski; March, 1941—Father Leonard Kwasigroch; June, 1941—Father Michael Kujawa; June, 1949 — Father Joseph Koper; June, 1950 —Father John Kucinski; and June, 1960—Father Sigmund J. Haremski.

New St. John Parish Hall Proves Boon to Standish Area

STANDISH—The most distinctive fact in the history of St. John the Baptist parish is the many long years of service of Father Eugene Paul Labory. His name first appears in the baptismal record, Oct. 11, 1915, 44 years and 7 months of lively service in the parish passed, before retirement in 1959, May.

The Catholics near Standish were organized into St. John the Baptist Mission out of St. Joseph parish, Bay City, by Father H. Delbaler, Aug. 29, 1872, at the home of Leon Paquien. At 9 a.m. on Aug. 29, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was offered to God for the first time in Standish and the new infant congregation was placed under the patronage of St. John the Baptist whose feast was celebrated at that Mass.

In the afternoon of the same day the children were instructed in catechism and Confessions were heard. Provisions were made for a catechism school and a Miss Sullivan was given charge of it as teacher. This information is found in Father Delbaler's own hand writing in the parish records.

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Made Parish in 1901

THE FAMOUS Jesuit Missionary from Chicago, Father Francis X. Shulak who lived at St. Mary's Bay City, then took over the care of the mission for a time. Father Shulak had charge of many missions north of Bay City at this period.

Other priests who took charge of St. John the Baptist parish in the years following were Fr. Thomas Dugan, Fr. Aloysius Webeler, who was stationed at West Branch, Fr. C. H. Dequoy, Fr. Edward A. Lefebvre, and Fr. Arthur Lamontagne.

The Mission was elevated to a parish status by Bishop Richter of Grand Rapids, in December 1901. Father Julian Doucet, first resident pastor, served from 1901 to 1915.

The present church was built in 1892 by Father Edward Lefebvre, later vicar general of the Diocese of Saginaw.

Records of the parish begin with a baptismal record dated May, 27, 1888. Mary Ann Schneider, daughter of Louis Schneider and Catherine Garbey. First recorded Confirmation was by Bishop Richter in 1902, June 4. First wedding recorded was June 4, 1888, of John Cameron and Flora Beaton. First death was that of Elizabeth Bourdon, Nov. 17, 1901.

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Center for Missions

DURING THE YEARS this parish has served many stations and missions. Records show permissions to have Mass celebrated in Bentley, Au Gres, Omer, and Tunner. In later years, St. Joseph, Alger, was a mission of this parish, before being transferred to Skidway Lake.

Because of the concern of Father Labory for the souls in the tourist area of Skidway Lake, a mission was begun there. Later this became a mission of West Branch St. Joseph, before becom-

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Fr. Joseph A. Castanier
Present Pastor

Fr. Eugene P. Labory

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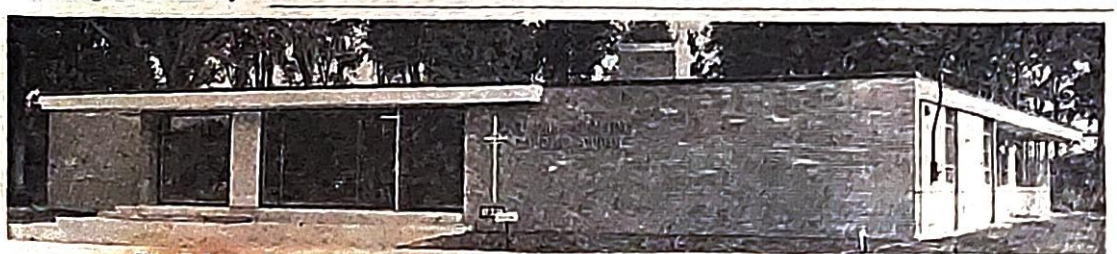

St. John's Has Provided a Model Catechetical Center for Its Youth

St. Bernard School Opening Near

New Alpena St. Bernard School Will Open in September

ALPENA — St. Bernard parish is writing a bright new chapter in its proud tradition as its centennial year draws near. Formally established in the spring of 1866, when Father Patrick Bernard Murray came here from Beaver Island to take up residence on the instructions of Bishop Frederick Baraga, St. Bernard parish now moves ahead with the construction of a new eight-grade elementary school.

The concrete masonry structure, on which contracts total more than $300,000, will contain full supporting facilities including gymnasium-auditorium, cafeteria, kitchen, and library when its doors open in September, 1963.

Fronting Lockwood St., it is rising back-to-back with its predecessor, a 72-year-old structure fronting Chisholm St. that is to be razed when the new school is occupied.

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Way Cleared for Progress

THIS AMBITIOUS undertaking was decided upon after a Sacrificial Offertory campaign, put on by the parishioners in December 1961, proved that the people of St. Bernard had faith and a spirit of sacrifice equal to their pioneer fathers who had made possible the great buildings that have served the past 60 to 80 years.

Beginning in January, 1962, the interior of the church was completely refurbished: new main altar, confessionals, and sacristies, additional balcony exits and redecoration throughout. The school construction project which began in September 1962, is moving along in fine style.

It now appears that all parish operating expense can be met and the indebtedness on the new school retired within a 10-year period.

In coming to St. Bernard from Hemlock St. Mary, Father O'Brien found that his predecessor had left the decks clear for the surge of progress now being experienced.

Father Martin I. Kalahar, pastor from September, 1951, to August, 1961 is now at Birch Run Sacred Heart, a less burdensome assignment which he sought after suffering a heart attack.

Father Kalahar added to parish land holdings, put an annex on the rectory, placed the parish buildings in good repair and, most importantly, paid off St. Bernard's obligation on the Catholic Central High school project, and met in full St. Bernard's share of the Catholic Central convent project ($65,000).

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Spiritual Health

ALSO SETTING the stage for the new school was a $30,000 gift toward the project by Jesse H. Besser, Alpena industrialist, philanthropist and prominent Congregational layman. It was the same Jesse Besser, with his late wife, who gave Catholic Central High school its fine 22-acre site.

Spiritual health of the parish is exemplified in the edifying number receiving Communion daily and Sunday, and this vigor is further attested by the high percentage of parishioners active in the various groups of the parish.

The three members of the parish most recently ordained to the priesthood are Father Charles O'Neil (1950), Father John O'Callaghan (1960), and Father Julius Spicot (1962); the latter two are serving as assistant pastors within the Saginaw Diocese, and Father O'Neil is teaching at St. Paul seminary.

As St. Bernard's 12th pastor, Father O'Brien is assisted by Father Joseph Friske, a 1962 ordinand appointed in September to succeed Father Frank DeWitt, who had been here since June, 1960.

Also assisting at St. Bernard is Father R. E. Fitzpatrick, a native of the parish, who has been in charge of Herron St. Rose since January, 1962.

Assistant at St. Bernard throughout his 10-year tenure (1950-60) as principal at Catholic Central School was Father Olin J. Murdick, now superintendent of diocesan schools.

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Msgr. Flannery's Role

THE GIANT in any historical review of the parish must be the late Msgr. Thomas Dowd Flannery, whose 37-year tenure as pastor began on Nov. 22, 1883.

This physically and spiritually powerful native of County Sligo, Ireland came to the U.S. at 21, studied for the priesthood in Cincinnati, was ordained in 1879, and came to Alpena four years later at the age of 31. Msgr. Flannery is the bridge between the founding years of the parish and the modern era.

His first assignment was to divide the St. Bernard congregation, Alpena's only Catholic parish, into three.

The French-speaking people formed St. Anne, taking over the old church and rectory under Father P. C. Winter, who arrived in December of 1883; the people of Polish extraction establishing St. Mary under Father Candid Kozlowski, also in 1883; English speaking people, predominantly of Irish descent, retaining the St. Bernard parish identity under Msgr. Flannery and taking the original wooden school building, and the site of the present church, of which only the footings had been built.

This then was Msgr. Flannery's redoubtable achievement: to take a parish without a single permanent building, its congregation only one-third its former size and —in the short space of 20 years — to complete four masonry structures that still are serving the parish today, from 59 to 79 years later, the present church, school, rectory and convent.

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Century-Plus Footings

THE BEGINNINGS of the parish that Msgr. Flannery so solidly established go back more than a century, to April of 1861, when Bishop Baraga made his first trip to Alpena from Sault Ste. Marie, via snow-shoes.

He came here to catch a fishing boat, and when the boat failed to appear for 10 days, he made good his time by talking with James K. Lockwood about a site for a Catholic church.

On April 13, 1861, the day after the first shot was fired in the Civil War, the Bishop noted in his diary: "Today I paid $40 to James K. Lockwood for the lot eight of block 28. He gave me lot seven."

The lots, located in what is now the 900 block of Chisholm St., near Eleventh Avenue, never were used for a church. Father Murray, sent here in 1864 and 1865 from Beaver Island, and in 1866 to remain permanently, thought the property was too far from the center of town.

He bought a lot directly across Chisholm St. from the present church, erecting a structure which was occupied Nov. 7, 1866. Then he bought the lot on which the present school stands, building a school which opened in September of 1870.

Father Murray was followed in 1871 by Father William Takken, a Hollander of capability and "stern character" who built the first convent for the Sisters of Charity who taught in the school.

Brief pastorates were then served by Father John VanGennip, "the Saint" (August 1874-November 1876). Father E. M. DeKlere, scholar and master of 26 languages, (Dec. 1876 to July 1877) followed Father VanGennip as pastor.

Then came Father Robert Doman (July 1878 to Sept. 1882), pastor at the age of 23 just 10 days after ordination and the first Michigan-born priest to head the parish.

In 1880 Father Doman laid the foundations of the present church. The walls were raised in 1882. Father DeKlere returned to St. Bernard as pastor in September, 1882, and remained until November, 1883.

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Parish Pastors

THE CHURCH was still to be completed when Msgr. Flannery arrived in November, 1883. Incidentally, when Msgr. Flannery was raised to that rank in 1920, he was the only prelate in the Grand Rapids Diocese to hold that distinction.

Upon his death Jan. 4, 1921, Msgr. Flannery was succeeded by Father T. R. Dark as administrator.

Pastors in sequence then were Fathers John J. McAllister, (Apr. 1921-Aug. 23) a native son of the parish; John A. Mulvey (Aug. 1923 Feb. 26); John McDonald (Feb. 1926-July 33); James Malone (Aug. 1933-Sept. 51); Martin I. Kalahar Sept. 1951-Aug. 61).

Father L. L. O'Brien, the present pastor, was installed Aug. 17, 1961.

Fr. Ignatius L. O'Brien
Present Pastor

Fr. Joseph P. Friske
Assistant Pastor

St. Joseph

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was offered in the new church at Midnight on Christmas Eve, 1962.

Solemn dedication of the new church was held on June 23, 1963, with Bishop Wozniecki officiating. Fr. Raymond J. Pilarski celebrated the Solemn Mass with the two former pastors assisting.

Final landscaping and 20,000 square yards of soil, completed during the summer months, now makes the new St. Joseph church the pride and joy of entire Mayville community.

Act passed by Congress which provided for the establishment of Michigan Agricultural College was in 1855.

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St. Anne Parish Originally Bore Name of St. Bernard's

ALPENA—In 1859, Mass was offered for the first time in Alpena by Bishop Frederic Baraga. Bishop Baraga visited this territory administering to the Catholics until 1864, when Father Patrick Murray settled here.

In May, 1866, he was appointed first pastor.

In that year he built the first church which was dedicated to St. Bernard. In 1870 the first parochial school was opened with an attendance of 100 children.

Father Murray was succeeded by the following pastors: Father Takken from November, 1871, to August, 1874; Father VanGennip from August, 1874, to November, 1876; Father E. M. DeKiere from 1877 to July, 1878; Father D. Doman from July, 1878, to September, 1882, when Father DeKiere returned as pastor.

Frs. Shulak, Muer and Bogacki were much in evidence during the administration of Father DeKiere. Father DeKiere was followed by Father C. Winter on December 14, 1883.

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Polish, Irish Leave

AT ABOUT THIS time the Polish left the original parish and started their own, the St. Mary's parish.

During the pastorate of Fr. Winter, the Irish also separated from the original parish and built their own church across the street.

Since the people who remained in the original parish church were mostly French, they were glad to let the Irish parish take the name of St. Bernard so that they could take the name of St. Anne. By what process this was done, is not known.

Father Winter continued as pastor in the original parish now known as St. Anne's. When the original building became too small to accommodate the congregation and the school, a new site was bought by the St. Anne parish on S. Ninth ave., in 1892.

It took 12 years to build a new church, entirely of stone. It is a very large and very beautiful church in the French Romanesque style.

The first Mass was offered in this church on Sept. 21, 1904. Three years later, on Aug. 4, 1907, this church was destroyed by fire.

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Church Rebuilt

VERY LITTLE insurance was carried; but with great sacrifice and labor the church was rebuilt of stone and brick in the same style and size.

It is a fine specimen of the French Romanesque style of architecture, with a beautiful interior of white and gold, a realization of the vision of Father Charles H. Dequoy, who was pastor from March 1893, to his death in May, 1919. He built both churches and also a three-story brick school at the same time that the first church was being built.

It is interesting to note that the work of building and decorating the church was the loving work of parishioners. Hilaire Gagnon was the contractor. He was helped in the work by his sons and the Homant boys and the decorator John Pinkerton.

After Father Winter and before Father Dequoy the following priests served as pastors: Father M. Leteiller from June, 1884, to June, 1886. He opened the first parochial school. The teachers were Messers, Fontain, Archambeau, Gauthier and the Misses Despres, Croteau and Caunell.

Father Hudon was pastor from June, 1886, to December, 1887. He was followed by Father Th. Blais who was pastor from 1887, to January, 1893. Father N. Poulin's pastorate was from January, 1893 to March of the same year.

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High School Opened

FATHER LOUIS T. Bouchard came to St. Anne as pastor June 1, 1919 and remained until his death April 20, 1944. He worked for 25 years very hard and prudently to bring to its present completion the fine buildings and beautiful grounds of St. Anne Parish.

In 1920 he finished the inside of the church and then in May 1921 began the construction of the rectory and the convent for the Dominican Sisters of Grand Rapids.

On April 16, 1922, these two fine buildings were completed.

In 1920 the St. Anne High School was opened and was taken over by the Dominican Sisters who had been teaching in this school from the beginning. The High School continued until September, 1950, when the Catholic Central High School for all three parishes of Alpena was opened.

On Dec. 10, 1936, the third story of the school was destroyed by fire. It was immediately repaired, improved and finished as a two-story building.

The Franklin Public School, no longer in use and located on Lockwood st., just across from St. Anne Church,, was bought on Sept. 8, 1939, and was used as a Parish Hall.

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Present Pastor

AFTER THE death of Father Bouchard on April 20, 1944, Father William F. Simon was installed as pastor on May 30, 1944.

Dr. (Fr). Joseph Simon, D.D., S.S.L., came along to assist his brother in taking care of the parish. He had been professor of Sacred Scripture in the Pontifical Seminary Josephinum.

It took years to make many repairs from the bottom up on all of the buildings. Big changes were also made in the church and convent and especially in the school and parish hall because of the increase of the number of children in school.

When the present pastor arrived here there were 220 children in the elementary grades and 130 in high school, making a total of 350. Now there are 500 in the elementary alone.

To make room for the big increase in students we used the parish hall also as a school and then with the other two parishes built a Catholic Central High on property donated by Jesse Besser. A drive for funds was made under the direction of Father Simon and Dr. John O'Donnell.

The plans for the high school building were drawn by Father Simon. The Catholic Central was opened in 1950 and is all paid for. A convent was also built by the three parishes.

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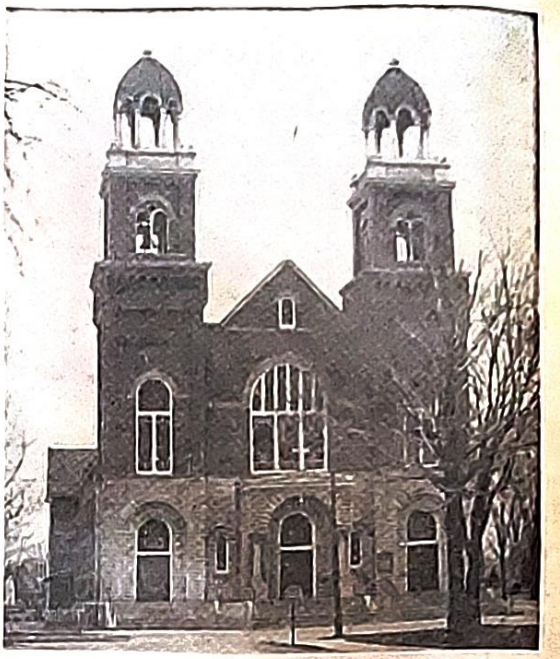
Recent Years

IN 1951 A beautiful Shrine of Saint Anne was erected on the grounds between the church and the rectory. A very large Family Chapel (cry-room) was built in 1960 as an addition to the church and next to the sanctuary.

In September, 1959, after much preparation, we founded the Peoples Eucharistic League with Perpetual Adoration—full adoration every hour of every day and night.

Since 1952, thirteen boys have entered the seminary and remained. During these last ten years 16 girls have entered the convent and are still there.



Twin Towers Featured at Alpena St. Anne

THE MOST REV. Michael J. Gallagher, D.D., was consecrated Sept. 8, 1915, as Bishop of Tipasa and coadjutor of Grand Rapids. He became Bishop of Grand Rapids Dec. 26, 1916, and was transferred to Detroit July 18, 1918. He died Jan. 20, 1937.

Essexville

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ner was held—both in the K. C. Hall.

The sudden tragic accident on Sept. 28, 1962, of seven of the teaching Domican Sisters of St. John Parish shocked the whole state.

Killed instantly were Sister Joseph Ann, newly appointed principal to St. John High school; Sister Mary Ferdinand, elementary school principal and fourth grade teacher for almost ten years, as well as Sister Rose Imelde, Sister Jeanne Ann and Sister Mary Phyllis.

Injured seriously were Sister Mary Olga and Sister Mary Wenceslaus.

St. John's schools were able to reopen on Oct. 8, 1962, with a full teaching staff of six newly appointed Dominican Sisters and further lay teachers to fill all teaching positions. This fall St. John's will revert to its past proportion of lay teachers to religious.

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Hope for Future

THERE ARE now almost 900 children in school, as well as 360 attending Saturday catechism classes.

There is hope for the future. The spiritual growth of the parish has kept pace with the physical growth of Essexville.

Masses are well attended and during the past year 120,000 Holy Communions were distributed. During 1962 we had 161 baptisms.

In addition to Fr. Hietpas, Norbertine priests serving St. John's are Fr. E. F. Mulhall, here since September, 1955, and Fr. Edwin A. Demerath, who arrived Aug. 30, 1962.

Holy Trinity

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sprinkler system and complete landscaping.

The center contains a large auditorium; lounge and meeting rooms; cafeteria and an ample kitchen, fully equipped.

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Parish Assistants

ASSISTANT PASTORS during the past 10 years were:

Father James Frawley, from June 12, 1952 until Nov. 7, 1953.

Father Edward Szczepanski from Feb. 24, 1954 until Aug. 7, 1954.

Father Joseph Kluonius from Aug. 21, 1954 until Sept. 8, 1956.

Father Richard VanMullekom, from Sept. 8, 1956, until Sept. 2, 1958.

Father Francis J. Lang from Oct., 1958.

Father Arnold Messing served here temporarily from Sept. 2, until Oct. 18, 1958; and **Father Norman Zielinski,** from Nov. 22, 1960 until May, 1961.

The number of adult converts to the Faith in the parish from 1952 until 1962 was 184.

VESPREM, Hungary—(NC) — Father Sandor Klempa, O. Praem., Apostolic Administrator of the Veszprem diocese, has issued a pastoral letter announcing that the See's total income for 1962 was $170,000, most of which was used to educate seminarians, aid sick and aged priests, and supplement priests' pensions.

St. James

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St. James since 1952 were Fr. Angelus M. Kopp, Fr. Ignatius L. O'Brien, Fr. Robert J. Pelletier, Fr. Robert J. Duggan, the late Fr. Robert J. Couillard, Fr. Arnold A. Messing, Fr. Leo R. Lynch, Fr. Eugene Seidenwand, Fr. Joseph K. Miller, Fr. Terrence D. Yule and Fr. Donald J. Eppenbrock.

The present St. James grade school buildings were erected in 1905 and in 1912.

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Religious Vocations

SISTERS OF Mercy who entered the religious life since 1952 are: Sister Keenan, Lucille Van Wert, 1957; and Sister Gabriel Mary, Gail Blair, 1961.

Dominican Sisters are: Sister Jeremy, Patricia Lenarsic, 1958; Sister Ann Frances, Rose Ann Erndt, 1959; Sister Brian Mary, Betty Jacobs, 1960; and Sister Mary Gabriel, Barbara Walkley, 1962.

Sisters of Charity are: Sister Anna Maria, Rose Marie Hewitt, 1953; Sister Charles Anthony, Julia Gatza, 1957; Sister Rose Ann, Patricia Wlock, 1957; and Sister Diane, Diane Balash, 1960.

Scheduled to make their first profession of vows in the Sisters of Charity this Aug. 15 were Sister Mary Judith, Judith O'Tool; Sister Michale John, Susan Sheeran; Sister Joyce Marie, Joyce Welter; and Sister Ann Julie, Julie Youngs. They entered the order in 1961.

Susan Batcke joined the Sisters of Charity in 1962.

Priests who have been ordained since 1952 are Fr. George Seiour in 1959 and Fr. John McGrath in 1962.

Frank Mandley entered St. Joseph school for brothers in Pulaski, Wis., in 1960.

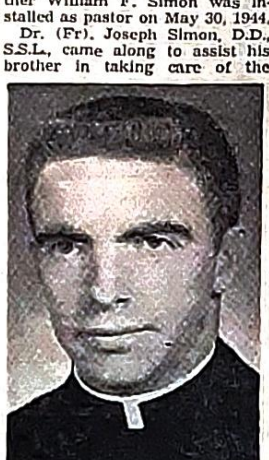
Boys who have entered the seminary are Thomas Sutton in 1960, Michael Forgash in 1960, Michael Hewitt in 1961, Gerald Blair (Josephinum, Worthington, Ohio) in 1961; and Patrick Dishaw in 1962.

United to Fight Discrimination

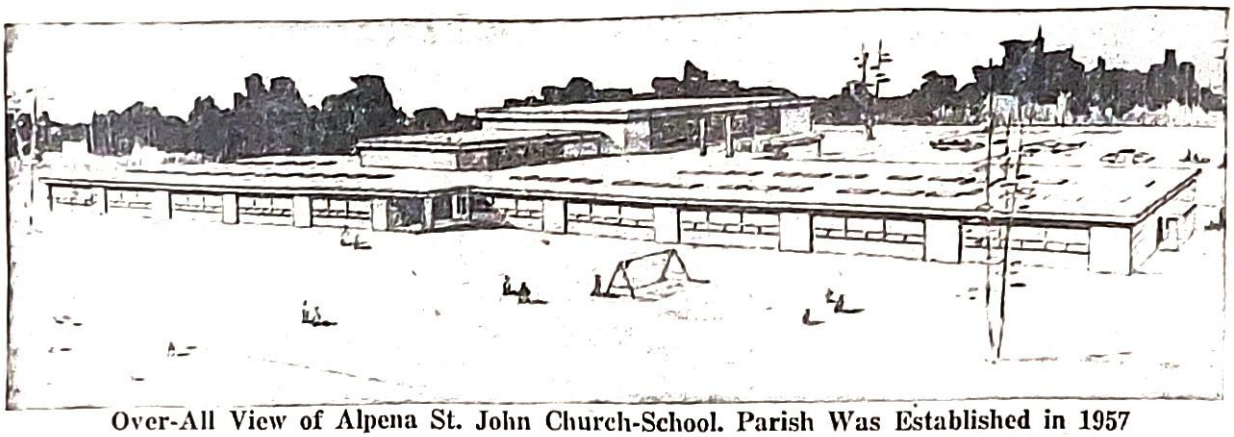
OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — (NC)—Religious leaders of four denominations agreed here to conduct a city-wide pulpit campaign against racial discrimination.

This decision was reached by 25 church leaders, including the heads of Catholic, Protestant, Orthodox and Jewish faiths, when they met here to form the Oklahoma Conference on Religion and Race.

Father William F. Simon
Present Pastor and Dean



Fr. Lawrence M. Pashak
Assistant Pastor



Over-All View of Alpena St. John Church-School. Parish Was Established in 1957

New St. John Parish Established in 1957

ALPENA—On Oct. 1, 1957, Bishop Woznicki instructed Fr. Edward J. Szturmowski, to survey the southwest section of the city of Alpena, to ascertain the feasibility of establishing a new parish in that part of the city.

After a favorable exploration, the bishop officially established the parish of St. John the Baptist, with territorial limits to its extent.

THREE CITY blocks — with North st. on the East, the D and M. Railroad on the West, First st. on the North, and Frederick st. on the South—were purchased as the site for the new parish buildings.

A temporary building, known as the "Center" was built, which housed the living quarters and the chapel.

Daily Mass is said in the chapel while the 8 and 10 o'clock Sunday Masses are said in the Ella White Eelementary School gymnasium.

On June 15, 1960, Fr. Szturmowski was transferred to Pinnebog, and Bishop Woznicki appointed Fr. John J. Kucinski to succeed him.

That same day Msgr. John E. Gatzke, Dean of the Alpena Deanery, installed Father Kucinski as the first official pastor of the newly established St. John the Baptist parish.

NEGOTIATIONS with Brysselbout, Starke and Hacker, Architects, were commenced and plans for the erection of the new Church-School building were soon completed.

On March 1, 1962 the Thunder Bay Construction co., with Harry Skiba as the contractor, started building the new structure.

Through the cooperation of the Alpena Cement Products and Julius Kuchnicki, a special colored and tinctured split block has been supplied for the new church, social room and class rooms which majestically display the new structure completed on March 1, 1963.

On that same date the first Mass was celebrated in the new church. This initiates the first phase of the building program.

Fr. John J. Kucinski
Present Pastor

Cross at Fatima

FATIMA, Portugal, (NC)—The pectoral cross that the late Pope John XXIII bequeathed to the shrine of Our Lady of Fatima has now been brought here by an official of the Vatican Secretariat of State and will be on view in the shrine's Marian Museum.

New Site for Port Sanilac Church

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location of the post office.

The new parish was canonically created Dec. 4, 1915.

In 1917 under the orders of Bishop Murphy, Father purchased the Jack Ruttle home in carsonville and made it his official residence. This rectory soon became the hub of parish activity.

Father Zacharias purchased 20 acres of land within the village of Port Sanilac on Dec. 3, 1918. In 1950 the old church moved to the new property. On May 24, 1950, the first Mass was offered in the old church on the new site by Father Zacharias.

After many delays and for various reasons the plans for the new rectory were approved and the contract let on July 15, 1953. On May 29, 1954, the pastor moved into the new residence.

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Church Fund Started

MEANWHILE the work of developing the new property and especially that of landscaping, sidewalks and the paving of the circle drive with asphalt continued. Two parking lots were also made and the church was repainted and redecorated during the years from 1951 to 1954.

In 1952 a Shrine marking the site of the old church was erected in what is now the old St. Mary's Cemetery.

Father Robert J. Duggan, descendant of one of the founding families of the early mission church, was ordained June 6, 1953, by Bishop Woznicki and offered his First Solemn Mass in his parish church the following day. Father Duggan was the first native son ordained from St. Mary's.

On May 10, 1954, the Centennial Year of the first recorded Mass in Sanilac was celebrated with proper festivity.

In 1955 Father Zacharias started the new church fund and began to make plans for a new St. Mary's Church. It was then that the parishioners realized that their old church was no longer adequate for the needs of the parish.

Father Zacharias was appointed to start the new parish of Our Lady of Help of Christians, Saginaw, on Sept. 7, 1956.

Father Kenneth J. Povish, a native of Alpena, was assigned to the parish as its second pastor. Although Father Povish was in the parish a short nine months he is still long remembered. His youth, his zeal, his wit and above all his ability to be "all things to all men" won the hearts not only of his own faithful but those of the non-Catholics of the community as well.

Father Povish was transferred as pastor of St. Norbert's, Munger on June 5, 1957.

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New St. Mary's Dedicated

FATHER ROBERT E. Fitzpatrick, like Father Povish a native of Alpena was sent to replace him. Father Fitzpatrick was not only a gifted preacher, a gentleman, a kindly and understanding pastor but he was also a man of vision!

He saw and he made others see that this old Catholic settlement should have a church second to none!

Father Fitzpatrick preached this Sunday after Sunday and regular and summer parishioners turned eagerly to assist him in this dream. By 1959 the parish was ready to build. The Bishop gave his approval on June 23, 1959. On July 22, 1959, the Booms Construction Co., of Bad Axe was awarded the contract and work began the following day.

The cornerstone was blessed by Monsignor John J. Sonefeld, Vicar General, on Sunday, Sept. 27, 1959, at 3 p.m.

As work progressed Father Fitzpatrick devoted all of his energies and capabilities to furnishing the church so that its exterior beauty would be equalled by its interior setting.

Marble was chosen for the sanctuary, bronze fixtures, for all the ornamentation; Stained glass windows designed by Guy Cabrol noted Parisian artist were ordered. In short the church was to honor her the Queen of Heaven whose name it bore so proudly. The new St. Mary's was to be a magnificent church.

On April 27, 1960, Father Mason L. Vaughn, pastor of St. Paul's Church in Onaway was sent by Bishop Woznicki to finish the great task which Father Fitzpatrick had so beautifully conceived, courageously begun and all but completed.

Father Vaughn supervised the finishing of the work and on Aug. 28, 1960, Bishop Woznicki before a proud and grateful parish solemnly dedicated the new St. Mary's.

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New Cemetery

THE FIRST funeral to take place in the new St. Mary's was that of Thomas Mullen a direct descendant of one of the pioneer families who gave the land for the first St. Mary's church. Mr. Mullen was buried on Aug. 29, 1960.

The last funeral in the old St. Mary's Church was that of Edward A. O'Mara, a descendant of one of the old settlers, too. He was buried Aug. 16, 1960.

The bell from the old church was placed in the unique Tower of the new St. Mary's. An electric Bell Ringer purchased by the Ladies of the parish daily rings forth the call to worship God.

The old church was razed during the Winter and Spring following and by April, 1961, its sight but not memories were removed from the property.

The year 1962 saw the acquisition of 10 acres of land for the new St. Mary's cemetery since the old is filled with the saints of earlier days. On Aug. 31, 1962, an additional eight acres were purchased adjacent to the present parish property for future expansion and planning.

Next in sight and high in the hopes of the parish is a parish Education and Social Center which the growth of the parish demands.

The parish is very proud of one of its daughters, Joan Maher who entered the Mission Sisters of the Holy Ghost and is now Sister Mary Theresa.

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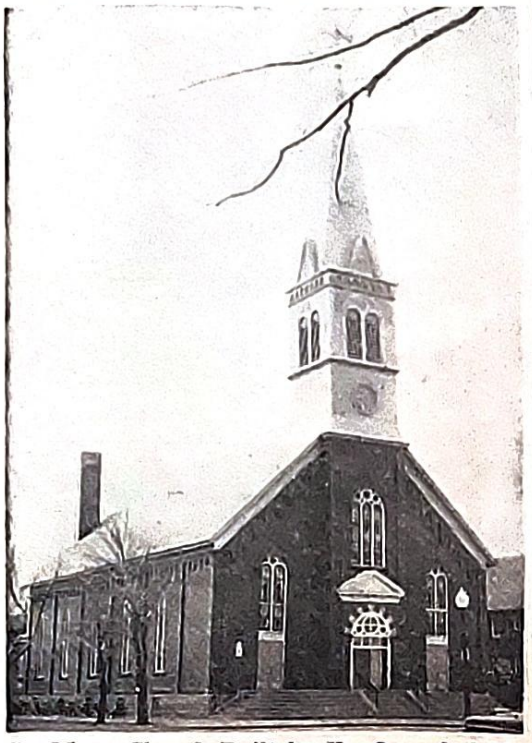

St. Mary Church Built by Fr. Opyrchalski

Polish Families Started St. Mary's Parish in 1883

ALPENA—St. Mary's parish was established in 1883 by about 150 Polish families who bought the old Methodist church on the site of the present church.

First pastors were Fr. Candid Kozlowski, Fr. Matthew Grochowski and Father Kolasinski. Fr. Augustine Sklorzyk came in 1885 and bought two lots on which he built a two-room school. It was taught by himself and a lay teacher.

On July 11, 1888 the church was burned together with the attached rectory, all parish records, and 200 neighboring homes. A new rectory was immediately built and church services were held in the school building.

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Church Built

FR. LEOPOLD Opyrchalski came in March, 1889. He built the present brick-veneered church for $19,000. It has a seating capacity of 666. He got the Felician Sisters to conduct the school in 1892.

Transferred to Manistee in January, 1900, he was succeeded by Fr. Stephen Nowakowski who built the present 8-room school for $17,000, and transformed the old school into a Sisters' home. He left for Paterson, N.J. in July, 1909.

Fr. Joseph S. Kaminski was pastor from August, 1909 to Jan. 27, 1914, when he was transferred to Sacred Heart, Grand Rapids.

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Present Pastor

MSGR. JOHN E. Gatzke, the present pastor arrived here Jan. 27, 1914. During his pastorate nine lots were added to the former 5.

The school received new plumbing, steam heating, cafeteria, kitchen and dining room. The church got a steam heating plant, tile flooring and an electro-pneumatic organ.

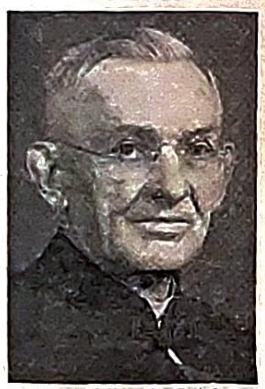
The present rectory, with attached three-car garage and corridor to sacristy, was built in 1936 for $30,000.

More recent parish improvements, especially in the last decade, were the building of the Catholic Central High school—($140,000, our share of the cost); Catholic Central Convent ($65,000); St. Mary's Convent ($152,000); black topping two parking lots (132x264 and 132x132) $10,000.

There have been four vocations to the priesthood since 1952: Sisterhood, 18; and Brotherhood, 2.

Assistants who have worked in the parish are: Fr. Leo Piaskowski, Fr. John F. Grzybowski, Fr. Walter Switalski, Fr. John Kucinski, Fr. Ben B. Roguszka, Fr. Stanislaus, Fron, Fr. Stephen J. Kozak, Fr. Casimir E. Walkowiak, Fr. Francis Jurek, Fr. Camill F. Klos, Fr. Sigmund J. Haremski, Fr. Leo F. Skornia, Fr. Chester J. Pilarski, Fr. George Klimas, Fr. Charles L. Ganley, Fr. Noel T. Rudy, Fr. Bruno Kaczmarczyk, Fr. Harold Sikorski, Fr. Bernard Skornia and Fr. Vernon Sierminski.

Fr. Raymond C. Mulka
Present Pastor



Msgr. John E. Gatzke

Fr. John W. Troester
Assistant Pastor

New Church Next Major Goal of Posen St. Casimir Parishioners

POSEN—From the old country they came, the Poles and Germans, to pioneer a land laden with virgin timber and rich soil. North to Michigan many travelled, eager to begin a new life. Farmers they were, hard-working, brave and God fearing.

Their beginning was difficult beyond comprehension. Only slowly did the new land respond to the axe and relentless efforts of this determined people. The Fatherland was not forgotten — Krakow, Pulawski, Metz, Posen they called their new settlements.

It was in Posen that a small band of Poles homesteaded. Kowalski, Szymanski, Witucki, Wyrembelski, Przybyla and hundreds more came about 1870.

A Jesuit, Father F. X. Szulak, was the first to minister to the spiritual needs of the north. Under his direction a log church was built in 1874-75. He continued to call at Posen until 1879 when Bishop C. H. Borgess of Detroit appointed Father Anthony Bogacki as first pastor.

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Parish Grows

FATHER BOGACKI'S pastorate saw a tremendous increase and progress of the Catholics of Posen.

In 1882 along with the establishment of the Diocese of Grand Rapids a new rectory was erected. The log cabin church burned in 1883, another was built immediately. This gave way to a brick construction about 1890. Fire again leveled the church in 1895. The same year a frame edifice was constructed which stands to this day.

About 1890, at his own expense, Father Bogacki erected a school. The Felician Sisters came to take charge of formal education in 1895.

From 1896 to 1900 Fathers Joseph Lewandowski and M. Matkowski were in charge of St. Casimir's Parish. In 1900 Father Lewandowski returned to labor for 15 years among the Poles.

In 1901 a fine brick school was built, adding seven classrooms to Father Bogacki's original school. Enrollment increased steadily, boarding facilities were made available in 1901.

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Catastrophe Strikes

IN OCTOBER, 1908, an inferno of flame swepted from Metz across Presque Isle County. Posen was not completely spared as devastation charred the beautiful countryside.

Fr. Stephen J. Kozak
Present Pastor

Father Chodkiewicz replaced Father Lewandowski in January, 1914, remaining for 17 months. Father C. T. Skowronski served until July 1915 when Father Joseph Koss was installed as pastor. Posen gave its first son to God on June 14, 1919 when Father Leo Buza was ordained a priest.

A sexton's house was built which later (1924) served as a residence for the Sisters. In 1919 the Sisters of Mercy assumed the duties of educating the children in the ever expanding school. A complete renovation and modernization took place during the regime of Father Koss.

It was with sadness that the parishioners of St. Casimir's listened to the news of Father Koss' transfer in 1931.

On Dec. 15, 1931 Father Leonard Kwasigroch was appointed pastor.

Father Kwasigroch initiated one grade of high school in 1032, the tenth grade was added the following year. Plans were already laid for a High School when Father Casimir Szyper was named pastor in 1935.

St. Casimir's was included in the new Diocese of Saginaw in 1938. The same year Posen offered the diocese a new priest when Father Ignatius Woloszyk was ordained.

In 1939 a new school was completed. The stately steeple was reshingled in 1941. Father Szyper erected suitable quarters for the Sisters in 1919. The old convent was used by the janitor.

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Present Pastor

FATHER SZYPER served St. Casimir's well. With his transfer in 1953 the parish lost a real pioneer.

The work of Father Szyper is being continued by the present pastor Father Stephen J. Kozak. His installation marked a new age of progress at St. Casimir's.

The 50 year-old school used as a high school became inadequate and the burden of financing both schools forced the parishioners to seek State aid in the High School.

In 1951 the last two nuns were released and the High School became a public institution.

In 1956-57 several districts consolidated to build a new high school away from church property. The old school was demolished. Enrollment in the elementary grades so continued to rise that in 1957 a seventh classroom was opened. The acute shortage of Sisters necessitated the use of three lay teachers.

The parishioners pledged $37,000 towards the proposed diocesan seminary at Saginaw. The following year their generosity was rewarded when God accepted in June 1958 Father Anthony J. Wozniak, Jr. as His personal ambassador on earth. In June 1959 a fourth son, Father Lawrence Hoppe was ordained a priest.

The parish grounds received a new look in 1958. Men of the parish labored to construct a spacious parking lot. Cyclone fencing replaced the stone wall along M-65 and the children now enjoy ample play ground facilities on a five acre field pur-

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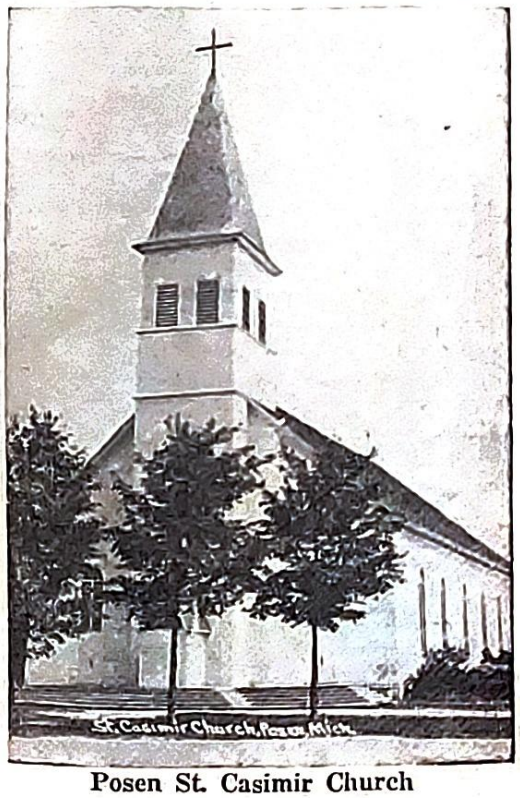

Posen St. Casimir Church

1958 Lake Disaster Left Mark on Rogers City St. Ignatius

ROGERS CITY — In 1872, Catholics had settled in Rogers City and Crawford's Quarray in sufficient numbers to have a priest sent to them. The First Mass was offered in the Duellgen home at Crawford's Quarry by a priest from Mackinac Island.

The first Mass in Rogers City was celebrated by Father F. X. Szulak at the Larke residence. Subsequent services from 1873-1876 were held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sommers, the parents of Mrs. C. A. Vogelheim.

In 1872, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Molitor donated three lots at the corner of Second and Erie Sts. for a church site, and the first church was started in 1876.

In 1874, Rogers City received its first regular Catholic missionary in the person of Father Szulak, a member of the Society of Jesus. In 1877, the church was completed and given the name of St. Ignatius, the founder of the Jesuit Order.

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First Pastor Assigned

FATHER BOGACKI was appointed the first pastor of Rogers City in 1879. However, he transferred to Posen when he saw the Polish people locating there. While he lived in Posen, he had charge of St. Ignatius Mission.

When Father Bogacki resigned in 1898, Father Godfrey Lenzen was placed over all the Catholic missions of Presque Isle County. While living at St. Anne's, Alpena, he attended Rogers City, Metz, Ocqueoc, Millersburg, Hammond Bay and Grace Harbor. It is said that he made the trip to his missions on bicycle a few times.

From 1903 to 1906, the missions were attended by Father Thomas Albin who also resided in Alpena. He was later transferred to Onaway.

For the next ten years (1906-1916), St. Ignatius parish remained attached as a mission to St. Dominic's of Metz. The resident pastor at Metz was Father Francis Kaczmarek.

Father C. T. Skowronski arrived in 1916 to take the pastorate of Metz. At this time, Rogers City was a growing community which demanded a resident pastor. At the request of Bishop Kelly, Father Skowronski transferred his residence to Rogers City in 1919.

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Fire Hits Parish

IN 1920, MR. and Mrs. Paul Hoeft donated seven lots in Block 13 of Gumms Addition.

On this property, a four classroom school with a church auditorium upstairs was completed in 1921. The school opened this year with an enrollment of 170 children under the charge of the Sisters of Mercy.

Disaster struck the parish on Sunday morning, Jan. 6, 1924 when a fire destroyed the church-school building and the rectory.

Immediate help came from all sides. The children resumed classes in the Court House, the Maccabee Hall, the Town Hall, and the Methodist Church. Mr. Bradley and Mr. Munson arranged for a substantial subsidy from the Michigan Limestone company.

This with donations from other parishes and private donations made it possible to construct a new building which was completed in 1925. This building had eight class-rooms and a school auditorium to be used for church purposes. A new rectory was completed in 1929.

Ten years later, a new convent was built to accommodate the Sisters who at that time had occupied two of the school classrooms.

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New Church Dedicated

IN 1940, following a disappointment in not obtaining the Bradley Farm barn that was to have been used as a hall, Bishop Murphy advised the pastor to make plans for a new church. To make room for the new church, the rectory was moved from the corner to its present location.

The new church with a seating capacity of 780 was blessed by Bishop Woznicki on Sept. 16, 1951. The altar made of imported Italian marble was consecrated Aug. 15, 1952. The communion rail is also constructed of the same marble.

On Dec. 23, 1952, Father Adalbert Narloch, pastor of Harrisville St. Anne, was appointed pastor of St. Ignatius to replace Father Skowronski who had been appointed pastor of St. Hyacinth parish in Bay City. On Jan. 14, 1953, Father Narloch was canonically installed as pastor by the Monsignor John E. Gatzke, Dean of the Alpena Deanery.

In 1954, it was necessary to tuck-point the front of the school. In the same year, new equipment for the gymnasium and curtains for the stage were purchased. The following year, a new three-car garage was added to the rectory.

To provide for the future and also to insure beauty for the parish property, ten acres of land were purchased in 1956. Later, in 1959, six more lots were added.

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Tragedy from the Sea

IN 1924, the parish suffered a disaster by fire; 34 years later, another tragedy came from the sea.

In November, 1958, the limestone carrier, Carl D. Bradley, set out from Buffington, Ind., towards her home port of Rogers City.

On Nov. 18, the ship encountered a severe storm at the top of Lake Michigan, and on this day, the greatest ship ever to be lost on the Great Lakes went down. Out of the thirty-five men aboard, twenty-six were from Rogers City.

There were only two survivors. Nine funerals were held from St. Ignatius Church for the bodies that were recovered.

It was at this funeral, that the Most Reverend Bishop remarked: "While reaching for the stars and moon, we have not yet mastered our elements of air, water, and fire."

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New School Built

TO KEEP PACE with the demands of a growing parish's need for a proper educational facility, Father Narloch contracted Fred Wigen Architects and Associates to draw plans for a new seven classroom, one story school with office and clinic.

The ground breaking ceremony took place on May first of 1960. Gross Construction co. was awarded the general contract; plumbing and heating was done by the Zgorski co. of Rogers City; and Rogers City Power co. had the electric contract.

By January of 1961, two of the classrooms were occupied. The school was completely ready for use in September, 1961.

At present the school is attended by over 300 children; the faculty consists of six Sisters of Mercy and five lay teachers. In the new school, all the classrooms are being used and all but one in the old school.

When the new school was built, it was necessary to move a hill at the rear of the building. This hill was moved by the Yarch Construction co. of Rogers City.

The top of the hill was leveled and now provides a playground for the children, and also a practice parade ground for the Fourth Degree Color Guard of the Knights of Columbus.

In 1962 seven more acres of land were acquired. This makes the total property owned by the parish 22 acres. This will provide for all future expansion.

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Resort Area Developing

HURON BEACH is a rapidly developing resort area 16 miles north of Rogers City. Not only is this area a resort for the summer, but will also be used greatly for permanent homes for retired persons.

Major Franklin Brown, the owner of this extensive property has donated six acres of land to be used for a church. In 1962, a complete census of this area was completed. This census shows that 60 Catholic families now have summer homes constructed and many more have purchased property. Most of these people now attend St. Ignatius Church and many are making contributions toward the building of a new church.

Plans are to provide these people with a Mass during the summer months until a permanent church is built.

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Parish Vocations

IN THE LAST ten years the following priests have served St. Ignatius as assistant pastors: Father Joseph Szarek, 1952, Father John Rushman, 1956; Father Terrence Yule, 1960; Father Eugene Seidenwand, 1961; Father Robert Smith, 1962.

Sisters of Mercy from this parish are Sister M. Ida Kiellazewski, Sister M. Priscilla Muszynski, Sister M. Pascal Kelly, Sister M. Adrian Adrian, Sister M. Edna Ducap, Sister M. Modesta Furtaw, Sister M. Honora Buza, Sister M. Kenneth Mertz, Sister M. Agnes Pilarski.

In the Felician Order there are also Sister M. Symphorose Witulski, Sister M. Jude Latulip, and Sister M. Presentia Robin.

To work in the harvest for souls in the Diocese of Saginaw, the following priests are from St. Ignatius parish: Father Raymond Mulka, Father Chester Pilarski, Father Arthur Mulka, Father Raymond Pilarski, Father Arthur L. Mulka and Father Norman Zielinski.

Also to enter the religious life is Brother Julian Przybylla of the Holy Cross Order.

Preparing now for the priesthood at St. Paul Seminary in Saginaw are Stanley Mulka, David Hartford, Robert Reinke and Gerald Mulka.

Delmar Smolinski and Charles Klingshirn are in the school of Sacred Theology.

Fr. Adalbert Narloch
Present Pastor

Fr. Robert G. Smith

Posen St. Casimir

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chased by the parish for $5,000.

It now became evident that a new rectory was a must for the pastor. The antiquated home was torn down and a modern brick construction erected in 1960. Joseph Goddeyne of Bay City designed the rectory. Parishioner Ike Klingshirn was contractor while Erkfitz Plumbing and Hardies Electric, both of Rogers City, were plumbers and electricians.

Also in 1960 a complete new kitchen addition was built at a cost of $37,076.20 to better serve the parish for its school lunch program and annual chicken dinner.

School enrollment jumped to 300. The first and second grades must be taught in the public school while six classrooms are operated in the parochial school.

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Goal: a New Church

EXTENSIVE repairs were made in the church during 1951-52. The front entrance sports a new look. Needed sacristy repair were completed. Sidewalks now link all parish buildings.

The beautiful cemetery has always been a pride of the parish. Much needed filling and leveling was accomplished in 1961 at a cost of $1,500. A new section has been prepared.

With an eye to the future the parishioners dream of their next project, a new church. It will be their greatest contribution to God in this century, a fitting testimony of their love and devotion to Him.

St. Casimir vocations to the sisterhood include: Mary Wozniak (Sister Tereska, Dominicans, 1960), Rosemary Marcullewicz (Immaculate Heart of Mary, 1962), Kathleen Centala (Sister Theopane Missionary Sisters, Servants of Holy Spirit, 1962), and Patricia Centala (Missionary Sisters, Servants of Holy Spirit, 1959).

St. Valentine

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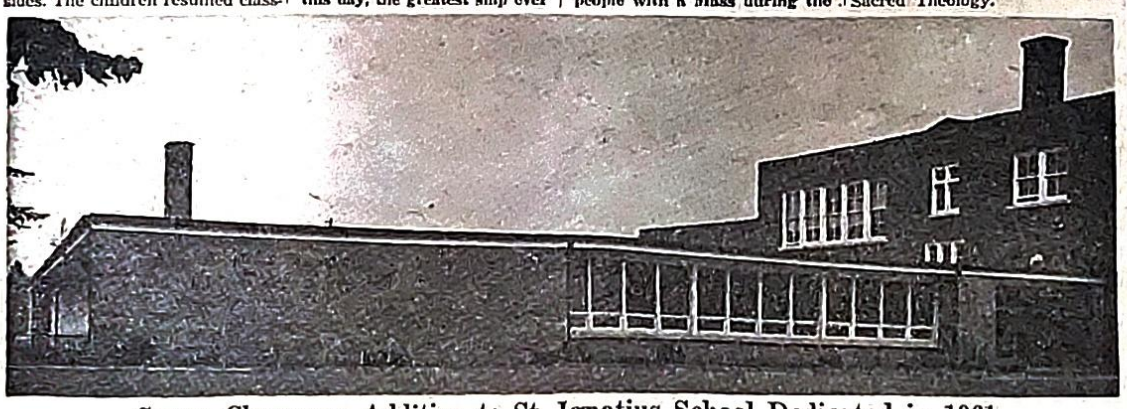
of a beautiful modern convent which was completed in the fall of 1959.

And so it was with real gratitude to God that on Oct. 25, 1959, St. Valentine parish celebrated its 50th anniversary as a parish with a solemn Mass in the presence of Bishop Woznicki, followed by Confirmation and Blessing of the new convent by the bishop.

Though a small parish, St. Valentine's has been blessed by God with these vocations: Father Coleman Majchrzak, O.F.M., Father Richard Ratajczak, Father Lawrence Pashak, Frater Damian Kula, C.M.M., Sister M. Thomasine Satkowiak, O.S.S.F., and Sister Dolores Kula, postulant.

The following boys are now in the minor seminary preparing for the priesthood: Daniel Ratajczak, Terrence Majchrzak and John Pfenninger.



Seven Classroom Addition to St. Ignatius School Dedicated in 1961

Michigan sent about 175,000 men into the armed forces during World War I.

Herron Traces Catholic History Back to 1880s

THE HISTORY of Catholicism at Herron—the geographical center of Alpena county—began in the 1880s with the arrival of many French-Canadian families. For many years Father Charles DeQuoy from neighboring Alpena took care of their spiritual needs.

He wasn't able to come regularly in the winter and spring months on account of the terrible road conditions.

When it was possible he celebrated the Divine Liturgy in a home which was located at the rear of the present rectory. Later it was offered in a small frame building nearby which resembled a public school.

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First Resident Pastor

ON OCT. 1, 1897, Father Godfrey Lenzen was appointed first resident pastor of the newly named parish of St. Rose of Lima, Herron. He was instrumental in erecting a new Church in 1898.

The rectory—still standing—was built by his enthusiastic parishioners in 1902 under the direction of Louis Girard. Until that time he had lived at St. Anne's rectory in Alpena.

Father Thomas Albin was the second pastor. He had been a medical doctor before entering the Sacred Priesthood.

Father William Schueller came upon the scene in 1906. He was one of the first priests in the Alpena area to own an automobile. . . a Model T Ford.

He was succeeded in 1908 by Father Patrick O'Toole who stayed for nine years. The Catholic population south of Herron had grown considerably, so this priest constructed a new church for them in the Hubbard Lake Indian Reserve region. It is known as St. Mary's and is still standing today although it is not serviced due to the few families living there now.

In 1917, Father J. A. Camirand came to Herron. He was succeeded in 1921 by Father George Gougeon who had a basement-hall put under the church and made other important improvements as well.

In the autumn of 1929, Father William Fraser was appointed pastor of St. Rose parish. He stayed during the difficult days of the depression. He had to put on many activities just to meet the ordinary expenses of the home parish and its two missions at Indian Reserve and Hillman. The next pastor was Father Lucien Bourget who arrived in July of 1934 and stayed for over 16 years.

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New Church Follows Fire

ON THE FIRST Sunday of October, 1940 a fire of undetermined origin burnt the Church to the ground. But in the spring of 1941 the parish went ahead with the construction of a new church by the Alpena firm of Floyd Gagnon.

The new church was of frame construction with a basement-hall below. Bishop Murphy blessed the edifice on Oct. 25, 1941.

The next pastor was Father Harry Hart who arrived on Sept. 12, 1950. After a residence of a little over a year, he moved the pastoral residence to Hillman.

Formerly, Herron had been situated in the center of the three parishes but with the closing of St. Mary's, Indian Reserve and the increase of the Catholic population at Hillman, the latter parish was the logical place for the pastor to reside.

Father Joseph Branigan was put in charge of the Herron congregation on Feb. 12, 1953. He soon established a permanent Mass for Sundays and holy days at 9:45 a.m. The church was redecorated, a Wurlitzer organ purchased as well as a new chalice and vestments.

Recently a fluorescent lighting system was installed in both the church and hall and a new furnace for the building.

Since February, 1962, Father Emmett Fitzpatrick from Alpena has been taking wonderful care of the parish which consists now of 90 families. Masses now are at 8 and 11 a.m.

The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine is well organized as far as the grade school and high school children are concerned but much more work is needed to put the entire CCD plan into operation.

A thorough census of the parish was taken in the summer of 1962 by two Victory Noll Sisters.

St. John

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ing a parish with Father Joseph Kluonius as first pastor.

Permission for the present rectory was given in 1920.

Father Mason Leo Vaughn was the first assistant of the parish, followed in succeeding years by Fr. Joseph Kluonius, Fr. Vernon Sierminski, and the late Fr. Robert Couillard.

After Father Labory's retirement he remains in residence. Father Joseph Castanier was appointed pastor June 8, 1950.

Since 1959 a combination Catechetical Center and parish hall was erected, and dedicated. In 1962, 458 children were under instruction by 23 lay teachers, three Dominican Sisters from West Branch, Father Castanier and Father Sigmund Haremski, pastor of the St. Florian parish, Standish.

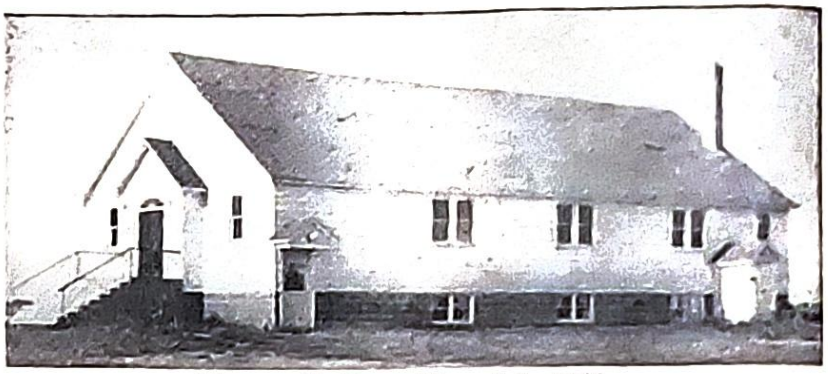
This parish, and the neighboring parish of St. Florian, combine students and teachers for the high school classes.

The Catechetical center is also used for an area CCD teacher training course—which graduated 33 in 1963, from six parishes.

A marriage course during Lent taught by priests and lay personnel, serves about eight parishes of the area.

The Mission Sisters of the Holy Ghost conducted a parish census in 1960.

Some of the earliest names appearing on the financial reports signed by Church Committee men include Pamphilo Angers, John Shannon, Martin Shannon, Joseph Kutz and Edward Kiley.



Herron St. Rose Blessed in 1941

July 3, 1960 Dedication for Hillman St. Augustine Church

HILLMAN — Catholicism first attained a foothold in eastern Montmorency county and western Alpena county in the latter half of the 19th century with the influx of many French-Canadian families. They were enticed here by the good wages in northern Michigan's lumber camps.

A certain Father Winter serviced the camps periodically. In the 1880s, Father T. P. Flannery, from Alpena, began offering the Eucharistic Sacrifice occasionally at the home of Mr. John Butler in Long Rapids.

The Catholic settlement at Hillman was located three miles north of the present village. In order to reach Long Rapids the people had to travel eastward along the rough, narrow and heavily wooded Long Swamp road.

Later, Mr. E. O. Avery who was a non-Catholic, consented to have the Divine Liturgy celebrated at his large farm home which was located right in the heart of the Catholic center north of Hillman. Both Fathers Blais and Charles DeQuoy came to the Avery farm in those early days from Alpena.

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First Church Built

IN THE 1890s Mass began to be offered at the home of Napoleon LaFave which was situated only 1½ miles north of the village and on a better road.

The LaFave family had a small altar built against one of the walls of their living room. Here the Catholic people met not only when an occasional Mass was offered but also for various non-liturgical services on Sundays when no priest was able to come and during such times as Lent.

The first Church, a small, white frame building was erected in 1900 through the volunteer labor of many parishioners under the direction of Frederick DeLoge.

When a person looks at the old St. Augustine Church and stops to think how well it stood for over 60 years, he realizes what a good job these men did at a time when there were few building conveniences.

The blessing was given by Bishop Richter of Grand Rapids.

The land for the old church had been donated by Circuit Judge Francis Emerick from Alpena. But even with a new church, the little congregation seldom had Sunday Mass for many years in the winter and early spring months.

The poor roads made it inaccessible much of the time and, besides, the small woodfired stove in the middle of the nave could not heat the building during the bitter winter months.

Fr. Joseph H. Branigan
Present Pastor

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Land Purchased

ON OCT. 1, 1897, Father Godfrey Lenzen was appointed first resident pastor of the neighboring parish of St. Rose, Herron. The priests continued to live there for over 50 years. During this entire period, St. Augustine's congregation was on a mission status without a resident pastor.

Father Lenzen and the many other priests who followed him at Herron serviced the Catholic people at Hillman to the best of their ability in those difficult times.

Their names were: Fr. Thomas Albin, Fr. William Schueller, Fr. Patrick O'Toole, Fr. J. A. Camirand, Fr. George Gougeon, Rev. William Fraser, Fr. Lucien Bourget and Fr. Harry Hart.

This latter priest received permission in 1951 to reside in Hillman which he did in the fall of that year. During the summer a home in the village was purchased and converted into a temporary rectory. It is still serving that purpose today.

Father Hart also bought 8 acres of new parish land in the village with the intention of constructing a new church and other buildings there.

It was not possible to expand on the old property. Moreover, the old church had become completely inadequate: its seating

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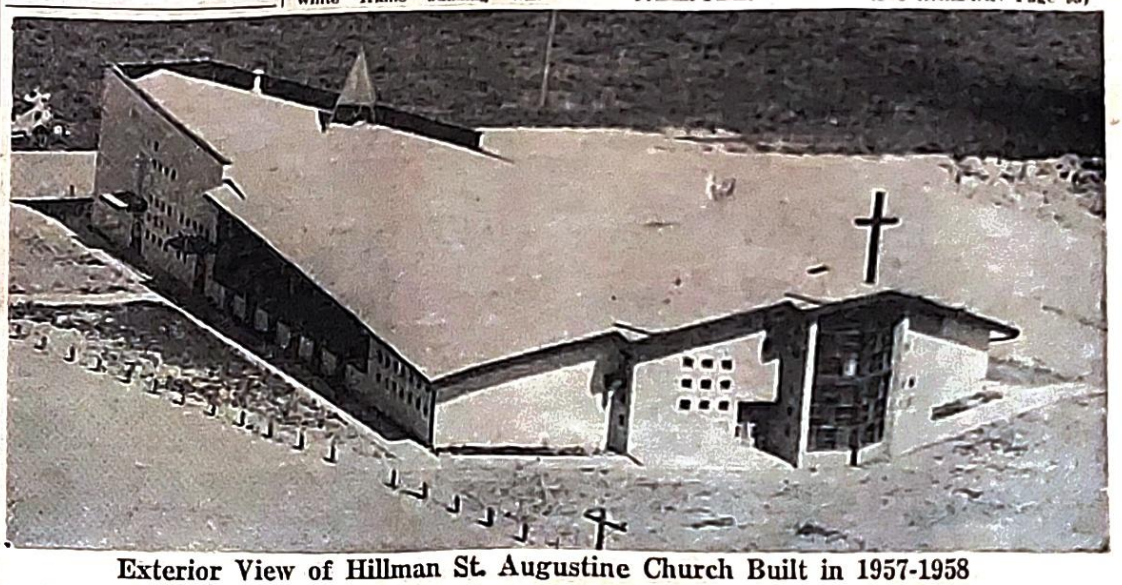
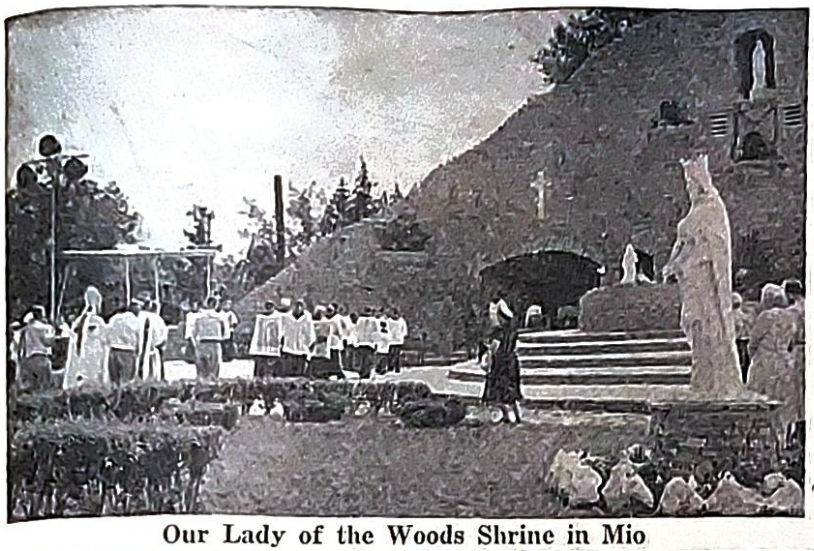


Exterior View of Hillman St. Augustine Church Built in 1957-1958



Our Lady of the Woods Shrine in Mio

Rapid Progress Made in Brief Span of Years

LEWISTON—The history of St. Francis Assisi parish goes back to the year 1946 when Bishop Murphy directed that a mission church be established in the beautiful lake resort town of Lewiston.

Date of founding was Aug. 6 1946. Father Pancratius Mizera, a Franciscan with residence at St. Leonard's Friary, Saginaw, was appointed its founder and administrator.

The parish began with eight resident families. Church services were held in one of the local quonset buildings until a similar quonset hut for church services was completed in September, 1946.

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Used Till 1960

EIGHT LOTS were purchased at a price of $800 to accommodate the quonset church and future buildings. The cost of erecting the quonset amounted to $3,000. This money was loaned by the late Monsignor Felix Vogt at nominal interest.

External construction of the Church consisted of corrugated steel window frames, and cement block foundation. The interior was finished in rustic style—weld-tex on walls, pine on sanctuary walls — and half log-slab finish on pew arm rests. The floors were tiled. Heat was furnished by a forced hot air furnace.

Dimensions of the church were somewhat restricted Ultimate seating capacity was 120. As time had gone on owing to influx of summer visitors the building became too small. Eventually —another building was added to the rear of the quonset to take care of additional surplus of worshipers and needs of the sacristy. This building was in constant usage till 1960.

Following the construction of the quonset church it became necessary to build living quarters for its priest. A small rectory was built—24 feet wide and 26 feet long — consisting of an office, living room, bed room, kitchen and wash room. Cost was $2,750. Interior is finished off in plywood. Floors are tiled. Space heater is used.

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Parish Hall Built

IN 1950 was added a garage— and combination tool room. Cost was comparatively cheap, $500.

In 1953 the pastor and church committee decided to build a parish hall. This project was completed within seven months at a cost of $6,000. The hall measures 32 by 64 feet. It is equipped with all necessary facilities for social gatherings, dinners and other parish sponsored activities.

Art block was used on the exterior. This building has tables, chairs, dishes, deep freeze, wash-rooms and all kitchen utensils.

In 1954 Mr. and Mrs. John A. Fredman of Birmingham, purchased and donated to the parish 10 acres of land, 2½ miles northeast of the church to serve as a parish burial ground.

Mr. and Mrs. Fredman also built a combination chapel and tool-room on the burial grounds. The property is fenced in with cyclone fence. Every portion of ground is marked. A huge cement cross had been placed in the middle.

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New Church Dedicated

Bishop Woznicki granted approval for construction of a new St. Francis church.

This new church was started in 1959 and first used May 8, 1960. Dedication took place in presence of many diocesan clergy on Sept. 4, 1960. Bishop Woznicki officiated.

Construction of this church is relatively simple. Steel, glass block, cement block, and poured cement are outstanding exterior features. The roof is made from poured concrete.

Interior of church is finished in block and cracked brick. Four colors were used to beautify the church: moss green, agate grey, slate grey and bone white.

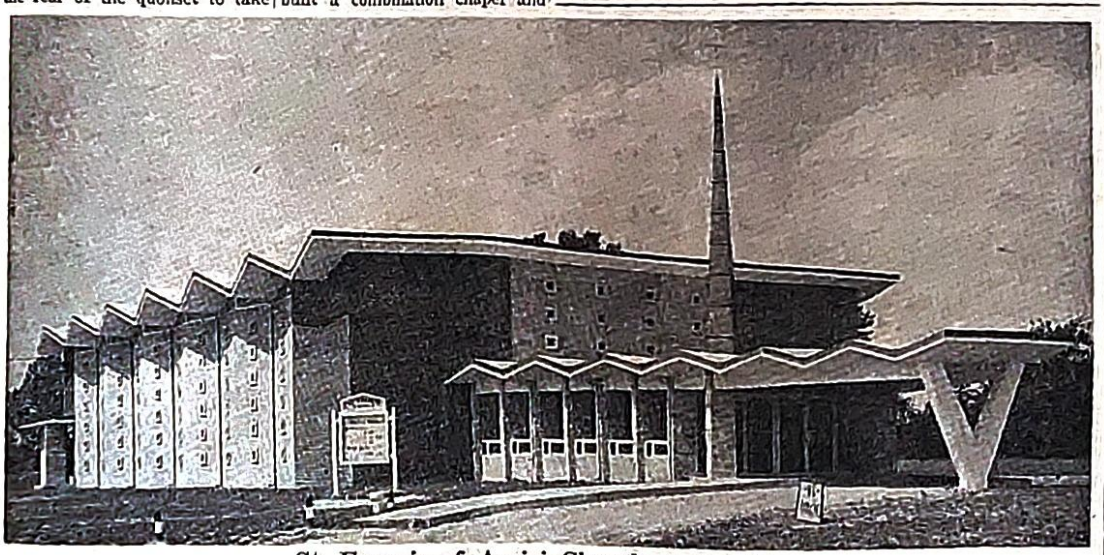
The altar is Indiana lime stone and weighs 2½ tons. Communion rail is three quarters length. Baptistry is at entrance of church and beyond a rail.

There are washrooms for laity. A cry room had also been arranged. An ushers room was provided.

The Westcott and Bleech Construction co. of Atlanta, Mich., was general contractor. Over all cost of church, excluding furniture, totaled $120,000. Present debt is $13,000. Seating capacity is in excess of 600.

Bishop Woznicki predicted this parish would grow. It did grow —from eight families in 1946 to 80 families in 1962. Three Masses are said on Sundays in the summer months to care for tourist visitors.

Fr. Pancratius Mizera, OFM, is Pastor.



St. Francis of Assisi Church at Lewiston

Franciscans Given Charge of Mio St. Mary in 1951

MIO—The first known priest to come into Oscoda County, was Father Winters. Mass was celebrated in a log cabin belonging to Mr. George Cauchy, prior to the year 1898. In its early stages, St. Mary's was known as a station in charge of the Ausable church, whose pastor was Father Winters.

Various priests shared the difficulties with the impoverished people of Mio and St. Mary's parish. After the initial beginnings of Father Winters, the following priests succeeded him in serving the people of Mio: Father Duscet, Father La Montague and Father Bouchard.

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IN 1911, Ausable was destroyed by fire, and the Mio station (St. Mary's Church), not yet a mission became the responsibility of the Harrisville Church, under the supervision of its pastor, Father Houle. After his death in 1919, St. Mary's of Mio became the responsibility of Father William Hassenberg of West Branch.

After careful planning in the Spring of 1921, a schoolhouse and six lots, was purchased, basically forming the nucleus for the founding of a permanent parish church in Mio. The schoolhouse was converted into a church through the labor and efforts of Father Urban Miller. On Feb. 1, 1922, Mio then was attached as a Mission church to St. Joseph Parish of Klacking Creek.

Key figures who helped in the pioneering work were: Mrs. Jessie Marham, the Rassel, Cauchy, Bitter, Galbraith and Azer families. The first funeral in Mio was that of Elizabeth Bitter on Dec. 14, 1925.

The first marriage recorded was that of Mary Cauchy to Richard Grantham. The first baptism: Margaret Mary Galbraith, April 26, 1927, and the first to receive Solemn First Holy Communion were Leo and Agnes Galbraith.

Following Father Miller, Father Godfrey Lenzen of Klacking Creek, cared for St. Mary Mission from 1928 to 1938.

In years following these priests administered at the Mio Church: Fr. Henry Simon; Fr. Joseph Kaminski and Fr. Francis Plaskowski. Under the latter's administration the church was enlarged to once its size in July, 1941.

The Altar Society was organized in the Fall of 1941. Mrs. Rosetta Ehlman being the first President. The Holy Name Society was duly constituted in September of 1942. Bennet Azor was its first president.

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IN 1943, Father Daniel Wisniewski, O.F.M., a Franciscan from St. Leonard's Monastery,

Fr. Bernardine Rytinski, OFM Present Pastor

Saginaw, replaced Father Plaskowski. Under his guidance a census was taken, which eventually led to the initial stages of establishing St. Mary's Mission into a duly constituted parish later on.

With the appointment of Father Hubert Rakowski, O.F.M., in 1945, the people of Mio witnessed great changes in the thus regular routine of St. Mary's. All year around services on Sundays and Holy Days and daily, were inaugurated.

The first Mid-night Christmas Mass was held in 1951, and regular Sunday High Masses and catechism classes for the youngsters, added itself to the growing impetus of a dedicated people to their Faith.

On Friday, July 13, 1951 Bishop Woznicki, of Saginaw Diocese, established St. Mary's of Mio as a parish with its boundaries consisting of all townships of Oscoda County with the exception of town 28 north, Range 1 east, and the northern half of town 28 north Range 2 east.

Father Hubert Rakowski, O.F.M. was appointed first pastor on Sept. 18, 1951, and served the spiritual needs of St. Mary's for 9 years.

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UNDER THE direction of Father Hubert, a majestic and beautiful Shrine to the Blessed Virgin Mary was built, known as the Our Lady of the Woods Shrine. This Shrine has been an attraction to many tourists in the area.

The Shrine, a mountainous structure of stone, honeycombed with grottos and niches, was solemnly dedicated Sept. 4, 1955, by Bishop Woznicki.

Father Salvator Milka, OFM, succeeded Father Hubert in September of 1959. Improvements in the maintenance of parish buildings were made, and property as well as buildings were purchased to serve respectively as parking areas and a hall known as St. Mary's hall for the needs of parishioners as well as tourists.

Father Thaddeus Popek, O.F.M. succeeded Father Salvator in July 1960, becoming the third Pastor of St. Mary's. Plans were now formulated to purchase the present property held by the Michigan Conservation Department for expansion needs of the Shrine. The property and buildings was purchased for a sum of $65,000.00

Two new appointments were made in the annals of the pastorate of St. Mary's in the succeeding years of 1961 and 1962. Fathers Bonaventure Bolda, O.F.M. and Alexis Lukasik, OFM were appointed Pastors. The former, due to illness was forced to vacate the pastorate.

With the approval of the bish-

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St. James Raised to Parish Status in 1949

WHITTEMORE—The first Catholic Church in Whittemore, which is still in use, was built about 1886. French-Canadian settlers and lumberjacks contributed to the erection of the Church, both financially and with the donation of labor and local lumber.

St. James Church was originally located on Highway M-65, next to the present Whittemore School. It was built on an acre of land. After the erection of the Church Mass was celebrated sometimes as often as every month.

THE CHURCH building had not even a name until it was finally blessed and dedicated under the name of "St. James" by the Most Reverend Henry J. Richter, first Catholic Bishop of the Grand Rapids Church Territory. It was dedicated on September 15, 1908.

Fr. Edward J. Newell, formerly an Episcopalian Minister, became the first pastor of Omer, Michigan, early in 1910, and into his charge was given the St. James Mission of Whittemore. He was succeeded by Father Eustace Faucher. From then on the Catholic Church here was cared for by the priests of Omer.

In February, 1919, the Church was moved to its present location on the National City Road.

Fr. William J. Walsh, succeeded Father Bierens at Omer when he came in March, 1919. From 1919 on, St. James Church was served by a succession of Omer pastors, among them Fr. Charles D. Philipp, Fr. H. B. Koscielniak, Fr. Lucien Bourget, Fr. Benjamin Roguszka, Fr. Harold J. Bolton, Fr. S. A. Van Gessel and Fr. Francis S. Lukowicz.

AT THE END of April, 1946, Father Lukowicz was transferred and Fr. James Frawley became the new pastor of Omer. Fr. Glenn Wm. Cronkite was assigned as assistant to Fr. Frawley at Omer, and was given special charge of the Whittemore and Turner Churches.

He offered Mass at Whittemore and Turner for the first time on May 5, 1946. A week later he came to Whittemore to take up his residence here, becoming the first resident priest at Whittemore. Ground was broke for the new rectory on May 4, 1948, and was ready for occupancy early in December, 1948.

It was not until February 2, 1949, that the new parish of Whittemore, with the mission of Turner attached, was canonically erected and separated from the charge of St. Edward's Church, Omer.

Fr. Glenn Kronkite was a true pioneer in the parish by organizing and building it up. In September, 1951, he was transferred to Gagetown and Fr. Du Russel was appointed pastor of Whittemore.

WITHIN THE two years as pastor here, Fr. Du Russel made many endeavors to bring the Faith to the territory, opening information classes at Prescott and South Branch. He also organized a summer school, which four Adrian Dominican Sisters taught and prepared the children for first Communion. He also opened a mission at Hale. On September 30, 1953, he was transferred to Sacred Heart Church, Oscoda.

Fr. Michael Maher was appointed pastor on Sept. 30, 1953. In 1957, Fr. Maher remodeled the interior of St. James Church, recovering the sidewalls and ceiling with colored planking, and also new lighting fixtures.

Fr. Maher made many converts, especially in the northern part of the parish, including Hale, Glennie and South Branch. With wholehearted energy he built the mission Church at Hale. He also replaced the old furnace in the Rectory in 1957.

On May 13, 1959, Fr. Maher was transferred to St. John's in Carrollton, and Fr. Bela E. Torok from St. Helen's in Saginaw was appointed pastor of St. James.

IN THE fall of 1959, the interior of the rectory was painted with the help of the ladies of Whittemore, Turner and Hale. The basement of the Rectory was tiled, painted and a wood ceiling was put in through the co-operation of the men and the K. of C. A new section of the basement was also excavated for storage. New steps for the church and a new rectory driveway were installed.

To give more continuous instruction to the children, besides the summer school, a Sunday school was organized at Whittemore, Turner and Hale in line with the C. of C. Doctrine. Ten lay teachers are instructing the children every Sunday after Mass.

Since 1960, there have been extensive improvements including a parking lot, rewiring of the Church, painting of all three churches, a new wall under St. James' sacristy, and three used buses were purchased for summer school transportation.

At present plans are under way to build a parish hall to accommodate our religious training for the children and for social activities. To finance this project the parish has $15,000 on hand.

Mio St. Mary

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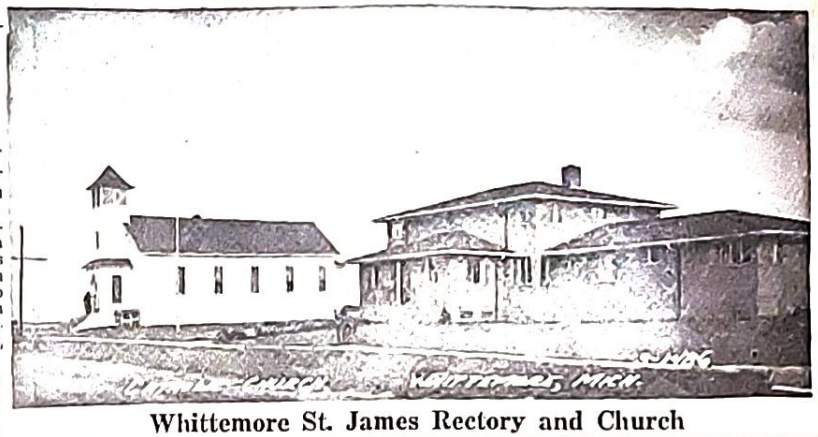
op, a master plan for the future expansion of the parish and shrine was inaugurated. A pavilion, which will serve as a lounge for the tourists, and a new parish hall for the parishioners was built in the late Summer months of 1962.

On Aug. 12, 1963, Fr. Bernardine Rytinski, OFM, was named pastor of St. Mary's replacing Fr. Luksik.



Whittemore St. James Rectory and Church

Influx of Tourists After War Factor in Hale Church History

HALE—The mission church of St. Pius X here was formed from the mother parish of St. James, Whittemore. After World War II, tourists came in great numbers from Detroit, Pontiac, and Flint to enjoy the many lakes and streams around the countryside.

Large families with middle income built cottages around the lakes and stayed here from June until Labor Day. These families had to drive as far as 40 miles on Sunday to attend Mass. Consequently it was evident that a House of Worship was necessary.

FR. HENRY DU RUSSELL, when appointed pastor of Whittemore in 1951, started the movement to build a church at Hale. After his transfer to Oscoda on Sept. 30, 1953, Fr. Michael Maher continued the endeavors to build a church and secure Masses for Hale.

Fr. Maher said the first Mass here on May 30, 1954, in the Plainfield Township Hall. Six hundred forty people attended the two Masses. From that first Sunday until June 24, 1956, Mass was said every Sunday in the Community Building. The Catholic Church and the faithful of this area will always be appreciative to the Township Board for this co-operative effort.

Resident parishioners during the ensuing two years were extremely cooperative in working for the new Catholic Church in Hale, and the summer parishioners and visitors were most generous in contributing toward the church.

In the summer of 1954, a ten-acre site was purchased one-half mile north of Hale on M-65. On Sept. 27, 1955, ground was broken, and on May 27, 1956, the cornerstone was layed. The first Mass was offered on June 24, 1956.

ON SUNDAY, July 7, 1957, Bishop Wozncki blessed and dedicated the new St. Pius X Church.

The Church was built for $80,000 by Wigen and Spears of Saginaw. It seats over 400

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Our Lady Church Renovated

TURNER—The first Catholic service was offered in Sam Rosenthal's hall here in 1902 by Fr. Doucet of Standish. The first Catholic Church was built in 1905.

On the morning of March 17, 1932, during the time of Fr. N. B. Koscielniak, the church burned to the ground. The present church was erected in 1933.

Fr. Bela E. Torok
Present Pastor

Fr. Lucien Bourget succeeded Fr. Koscielniak. He was followed by Fr. Roguszka, Fr. Joseph Bolton, Fr. S. A. Van Gessel and Fr. Lukowitz. In 1945, Father Glenn Cronkite was appointed assistant to Fr. Frawley at Omer. He took charge of the parishes of Our Lady of Lourdes at Turner and St. James of Whittemore.

Fr. Cronkite offered Mass at Turner and Whittemore for the first time on May 5, 1946. A great deal of work was done to the church during the next few years.

FR. CRONKITE was transfer-

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Turner Our Lady of Lourdes

St. Pius X Church in Hale, Constructed in 1956

Phenomenal Building Pace Set by Oscoda Parish on Lakeside Site

OSCODA—The area served by Sacred Heart Parish is an historic place and men of the church wrote some of the earliest pages of this history. Tradition has it that early missionaries, probably followers of Fr. Jacques Marquette, ministered to the earliest settlers. This places it very early, for the great French Jesuit was dead at 38 by the year 1675.

Fr. Murry the parish priest of Alpena, established the first mission church here in 1866. By 1870 Fr. Murry was able to buy three lots in AuSable for the construction of his first church building.

Fr. Murry left that year and was succeeded by Father Patrick Duhigg. The latter remained long enough to build a small house for a chapel and to welcome in August, 1871, the first Episcopal visit of Bishop Caspar H. Borgess, third Bishop of Detroit.

AuSable received its first resident pastor in the person of Fr. Roach in 1875. He built what has been described as "beautiful Sacred Heart Church" in AuSable and later added a school which he staffed with the Daughters of Charity.

Fr. P. C. Winter succeeded Fr. Roach and added a rectory to the church and finally got Oscoda into the picture by constructing a building to serve as branch church and school in Oscoda.

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Town Destroyed

UNDER THE following pastor, Fr. Mahar, together with Fr. J. A. Doucet who ministered to the French speaking parishioners, the parish rose to the top rank of parishes in the Grand Rapids diocese, boasting a membership of 900 families.

As the lumbering industry shrank, the parish shrank with it until in 1901, under the pastorate of Fr. L. S. LaMontagne, there were 175 families.

Such was the picture when the town, parish and everything else, including all records burned in the great fire of 1911.

After the fire, Mass was celebrated for a while in the Swedish Lutheran church. Later the parishioners purchased an abandoned German Lutheran church for $500.

From then until 1950 Oscoda Sacred Heart was a mission to Harrisville and Mass was offered once a month.

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Parish Status Regained

ON JUNE 23, 1950, Sacred Heart became a full fledged parish again. Fr. Lawrence H. Greiner was installed as pastor on July 26. Fr. Greiner's pastorate was one of great activity and growth as the once-a-month Mass was replaced by five-a-Sunday to accommodate the expanding crowds of summer tourists.

It soon was obvious that the "little church on the hill" was not adequate for present crowds and would not suffice for the future.

In September of 1953, Fr. Lawrence Greiner resigned because of health and Fr. Henry P. DuRussel was installed pastor by Monsignor John Sonefeld, Vicar General of the Diocese.

Fr. DuRussel had instructions from the Bishop to relocate the parish on new property. After six months of evaluation of properties, a site on US 23 and M-171 was chosen as the future parish site. Ten acres of property on Lake Huron was purchased from Edna Gresham for $38,050 in April 1954.

Construction of a simple Parish Hall structure was started in May of 1954. This hall, 40 by 150 was built for $35,000 and had a seating capacity for Mass of 400. It also had an apartment over the entrance which served and still serves as rectory for priests.

This all-purpose building had folding wooden doors in the center and was and still is used as parish hall, catechetical center and all parish functions.

The old parish site was sold and also the temporary rectory in Oscoda in order to finance part of the construction of the new parish hall and make down payment on property. A parking lot was built the same year to accommodate 200 cars.

The new facilities on an attractive location seemed to have a magnetic attraction. Whereas the parish had approximately 75 families in residence, the summer attendance at Mass reached 3,000 persons at peak times in the summer of 1954.

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Building Continues

1955 WILL BE remembered as the year of landscaping part of 700 feet of lake front property. The all sand base made this a very difficult job; but the generosity of Consumers Power company in donating top soil made this program possible.

A long cherished dream of erecting a shrine to the Sacred Heart was realized in 1955 with the erection of a white marble statue of the Sacred Heart on an appropriate base in the center of our property and facing U.S. 23.

Erecting of this shrine seemed to spark the unselfish generosity and enthusiasm the families needed to undertake more developments.

In 1956 a convent, to house the Mission Sisters of the Holy Ghost, was started. This building, erected with a school in mind, was built to house 12 sisters. The present convent has six bedrooms; but lends itself to the addition of six more bedrooms when needed.

1956 marked the beginning of the almost unbelievable generosity of the J. J. Hartigan family of Bloomfield Hills, Mich. When the parish was within two weeks of having to stop construction on the convent because of lack of funds two days before the Christmas of 1956 we received a donation of $10,000 from the Hartigan family and the Campbell-Ewald Foundation of Detroit.

Since 1956 through 1962 Sacred Heart parish has received at least $10,000 a year from the Hartigan family. The convent was built for $12,000 and the work of the Mission Sisters of the Holy Ghost has been felt throughout the whole area.

Fr. Henry P. DuRussel
Present Pastor

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New Church Rises

1957 AND 1958 were years of landscaping and again the donation of top soil from Comsumers Power co. made possible this otherwise too expensive task.

The growth of Wurtsmith A. F. B. and its conversion into Strategic Air Command Base brought in thousands of new people and again our facilities were strained.

In the fall of 1958 a pledge campaign for the building of a new church was started. The great zeal of the parishioners and visitors was very obvious when 150 families pledged $93,000.

In April of 1960, with the approval of the church committee and authorization of Bishop Woznicki the privately negotiated contract for the construction of our new church was signed. Harry Skiba of Thunder Bay Construction was chosen to construct the building designed by Brysselbout, Starke, Hacker and Associates of Bay City.

The new church, designed to seat 950 people is erected on a large terrace. The rare opportunity offered by the site plan is shown by the wide sweep of the church grounds which not only provides a plenitude of that first requirement of the modern church—adequate parking—but expanses of lawn and landscaping to frame the setting.

On Oct. 9, 1960 Monsignor John J. Sonefeld Vicar General, officiated at the corner-stone laying ceremonies of the new church. Bishop Woznicki blessed the new church on July 2, 1961.

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Rectory, School Considered

THE NEW CHURCH is a beau-

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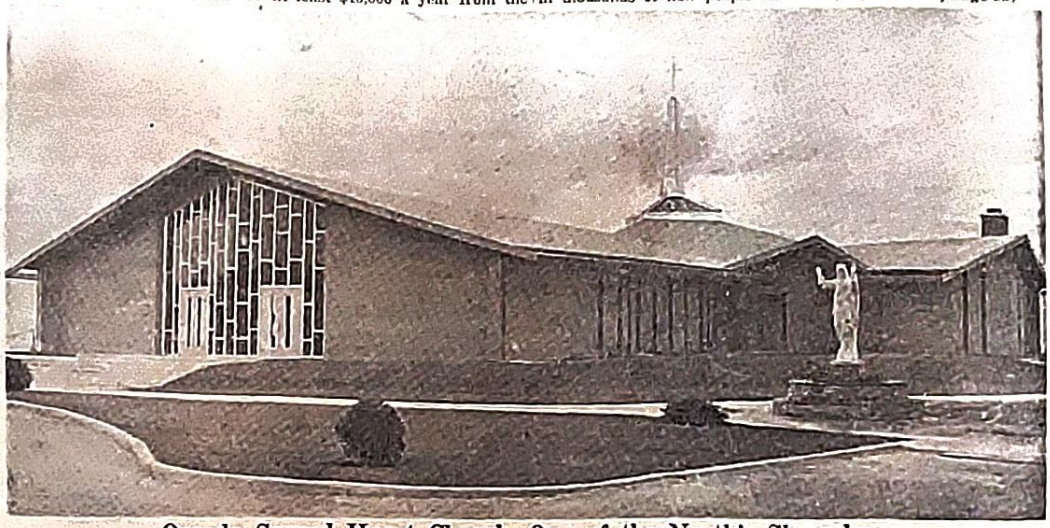

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Two New Churches, School Built in Past Decade—

Two Parishes Now Serve Tawases

TAWAS CITY — Immaculate Heart of Mary parish has enjoyed 10 years of fruitful existence. Many have been the blessings in this short span. Despite the small number of members, it has taken on a building and expansion program that would be proper for larger parishes, and has done so successfully.

Immaculate Heart parish was established on the Feast of the Immaculate Heart, Aug. 22, 1952, by Bishop Woznicki. It separated the southeast corner of Iosco County, along with the City of Tawas City, from St. Joseph Parish, East Tawas.

As its first pastor, the bishop appointed Fr. Bernard Kirchman, who was assistant at St. Helen Parish, Saginaw. This was Fr. Kirchman's first pastoral appointment.

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Theater First Church

THE FIRST order of business for Fr. Kirchman was to locate a place for his residence and office and for a place to offer Mass.

His residence and office he set up at the Iosco Hotel immediately, and within 10 days of his arrival leased the former Bay Theater on Bay st. for divine services.

With generous help from parishioners Fr. Kirchman remodeled the inside of the building, making it suitable for divine services.

On Sept. 7, 1952, Fr. Kirchman offered Mass for the first time in the new parish. In the afternoon he baptized Marcia Ann Ulman as the first new parishioner.

Agreement was made between St. Joseph, East Tawas, and Immaculate Heart to operate St. Joseph school as a joint project.

This decision was confirmed by the first committee of the parish consisting of Dr. John LeClair, E. D. Jacques, John Monarch, Fred Brabant and Andrew Klinger.

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Second Pastor

UNDER THE strenuous work of organizing the new parish Fr. Kirchman's health suffered to the point that in January, 1953, he resigned his pastorate to enter a hospital.

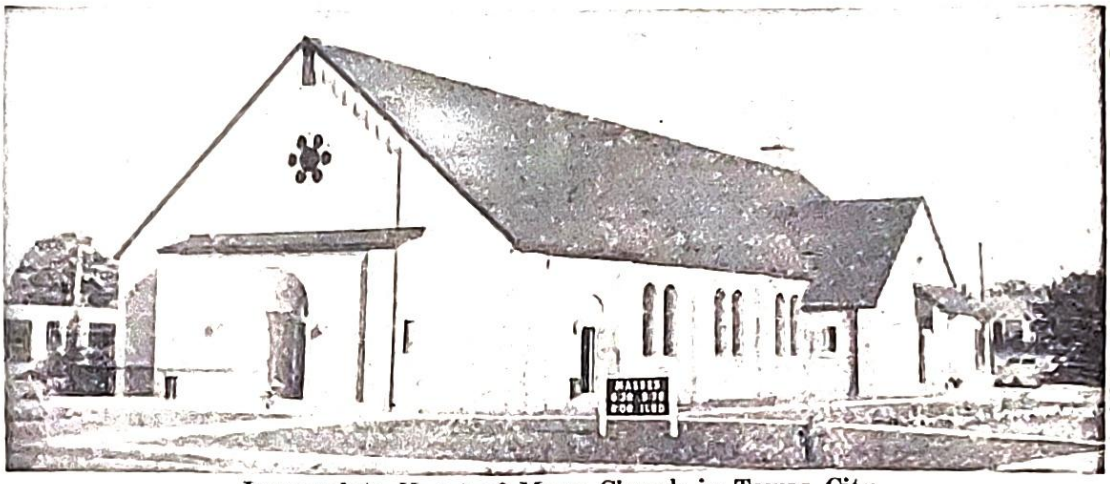
Fr. Joseph A. Castanier, assistant at St. Mary Parish, Bay City, was appointed second pastor Jan. 27, 1953.

Many of the problems facing Fr. Kirchman were still unsolved and left to Fr. Castanier, Chief among them were: a permanent residence and offices for the pastor, a new church building, and the disposition of jointly operating the school.

The last problem was solved easily when Fr. Robert Neuman began construction of a new school building for St. Joseph Church, selling the old St. Joseph School building to Immaculate Heart of Mary as its own.

The two remaining problems needed only time for their solution. With the drive of the new pastor and the determination and energy of the parishioners little time was needed to purchase a residence adjacent to the church property. This residence at 721 Court was converted by volunteer parish help into suitable office and parish living space, by October, 1953.

In September, 1954, a pledge drive was conducted subscribing $51,000 towards building of a new church.



Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Tawas City

Fr. John T. Kolevar
Present Pastor

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First Church Built

PLANS FOR the new structure in solid Romanesque styling were drawn by Paul A. Brysselbout, architect. It was to have a capacity for 400 in nave and 200 in the balcony to accommodate vacationers and summer residents.

In the fall of 1955 the site was brought up to grade and in the spring of 1956 actual construction was begun by Davison and Roso, Builders.

On Aug. 26, 1956, Monsignor John J. Sonefeld, Vicar General of the Diocese, blessed and laid the cornerstone. First Mass was

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EAST TAWAS—The development of the lumbering industry brought Catholics to the region of East Tawas, as it did to the AuSable. The parish of AuSable was to become the largest in the diocese of Grand Rapids at that time, and the priest from AuSable came to East Tawas to take care of the people as a mission for many years.

St. Joseph's parish began in 1869 as a mission. It was cared for by Father Rennert and Father Henry Schutjes, for we find that they made a report concerning this mission at East Tawas on March 30, 1869.

Land for the building of the Church was donated in 1869 by the Tawas Mill Company. On Sept. 30, 1870, Fr. Peter Duhig was named to take care of the AuSable and surrounding missions.

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Church Built

ON NOV. 1, 1871, Fr. William Takken was appointed by Bishop Borgess of Detroit for the missions of Alpena, AuSable and Tawas. Fr. Cornelius J. Roche came from AuSable once a month with a horse and buggy to offer Mass.

On July 3, 1873 a church under the title of St. Joseph was built in East Tawas and dedicated by Bishop Borgess. About 100 families belonged to the parish at that time. In 1875 St. Joseph's Church was blessed by Fr. John VanGennip, receiving delegation from Bishop Borgess.

The first resident pastor ap-

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Fr. Arthur C. Mulka
Present Pastor

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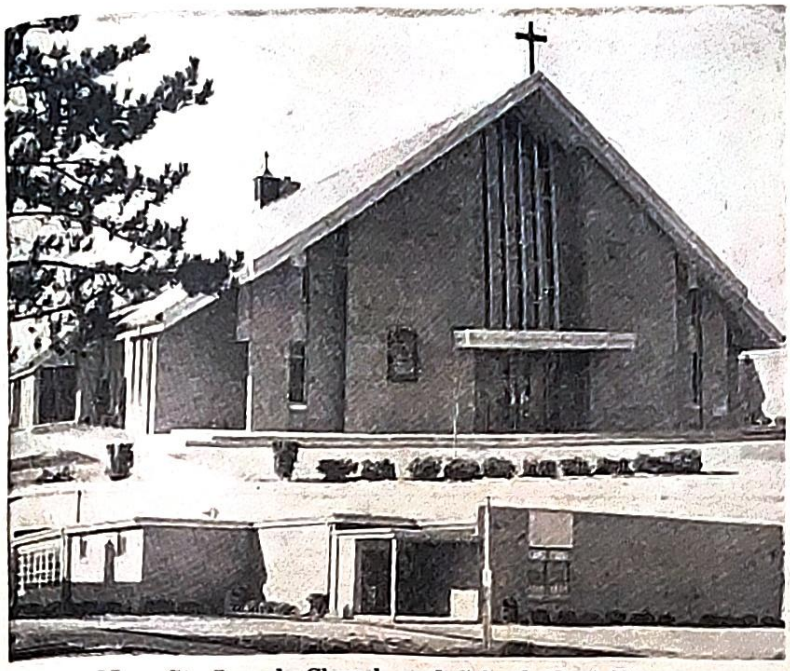

New St. Joseph Church and School, East Tawas

Surge of Progress Puts Church on Firm Footing in Tawas Area

East Tawas

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pointed for East Tawas was Father Wm. Nevin in 1883. A rectory had been started, but until completed, Fr. Nevin boarded at the Donahue home. The bishop gave Fr. Nevin permission to raise funds in order to finish it. Promotions were held, including parish suppers in the unfinished rectory and money was raised to complete it.

Upon Father Nevin's transfer —because of ill health—Father Brooks became pastor.

Then, came a succession of priests, including Father Wm. Kinney, Father A. Bogacki, Father Thomas Albin, Father Ed Kinney, Father Ed Brogger, Father Edwin Kirckhoff and Father Robert Neuman, who held the office of pastor the longest, 22 years, from Dec. 10, 1937 to May 23, 1959.

The first assistant to serve at St. Joseph's Church was Father Robert Smith, who came in 1948. He was succeeded in September, 1951 by Father Henry Eickholt. In 1952 Fr. Edward J. Szturmowski came to assist Fr. Neuman and was followed by Fr. John Diggins in 1957.

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Parish Divided

IN 1951 Father Neuman purchased property from the United States Government as a site for the construction a a new Church. The property was formerly used as a nursery, but had been lying idle for some time.

Because of the tremendous growth of the Tawas area and because of its popularity as a summer resort area, in September, 1952, Bishop Wozniekl established a new parish in Tawas City under the title of Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The Mother parish church, St. Joseph's, was old and inadequate to accommodate all its parishioners, plus visitors.

A new Church which accommodates over 500 people was built in 1953. The first Mass was celebrated in it on Christmas eve, 1953 by Father Neuman.

On July 18, 1954 the beautiful new St. Joseph's Church was dedicated by Bishop Stephen Woznicki.

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New School Built

A NEW elementary school, adjacent to the church, was built by Father Neuman, opening in September, 1957, and dedicated by Bishop Woznicki on May 4, 1958.

It has an enrollment of 180 pupils, taught by the Dominican Sisters of Grand Rapids, plus two lay teachers, Mrs. Russell Klenow and Mrs. Lucille Michaels.

In September, 1957, a convent was purchased for the Sisters, and is located directly across from the Church. It houses the Sisters teaching at St. Joseph's, East Tawas, and Immaculate Heart school of Tawas City.

On May 23, 1959 Fr. Neuman resigned. Fr. Henry Eickholt was appointed his successor on May 26, 1959. Fr. Arthur Muka, the present pastor, was appointed June 14, 1963.

The site of the new church and the new school is landscaped and surrounded by beautiful Norway pines. In 1960 a lovely Shrine, in honor of Our Lady of Fatima, was erected next to the Church. New shrubbery was planted which encircles the Church, further enhancing its beauty and in keeping with the large pine trees in the background.

In the summer, five Masses are offered on Sundays, and during the winter three Masses. At present there are 330 families in St. Joseph parish.

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Religious Vocations

IN THE FALL of 1954 Leonard Wilkuski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilkuski, entered the Seminary at Kitchener, Ont., to begin studies for the priesthood. After his college course he was sent to complete his studies at Louvain, Belgium. Fr. Wilkuski was ordained there, June 29, 1963, and celebrated a Solemn Mass in his home parish, Sunday, August 4, 1963.

He is the second son from St. Joseph's parish to become a priest. The first was Fr. Francis Murray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Murray. He was ordained June 11, 1949.

St. Joseph's Parish also has the honor of giving 11 girls to the Sisterhood.

Five daughters of the Joseph Blust family joined the Good Shepherd Order: Sr. M. Stephan, Sr. M. Peternella, Sr. M. Prudentiana, Sr. M. Barbara, Sr. M. Tarcisus.

Two daughters of the George Stang family joined the Grand Rapids Dominicans: Sr. Marie Celeste and Sr. M. Blandina.

Joyce Kendall became Sr. M. Marjorie Ann; and the Sands girl took the name of Sr. M. Edwardine; Annabelle Trudell became Sr. M. Annabelle.

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offered in the new church Feb. 27, 1957.

Bishop Woznicki dedicated the church Aug. 18, 1957, just four days short of five years from the establishment of the parish.

That same year the convent was sold and moved off the property, the Sisters sharing facilities with the teachers at St. Joseph, East Tawas.

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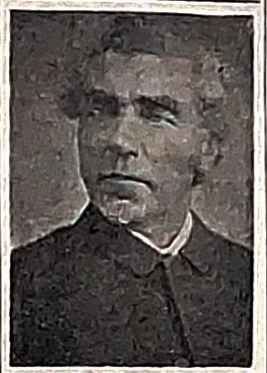
Third Pastor

FR. CASTANIER'S tenure as pastor was ended June 8, 1959, with his appointment as pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish, Standish.

On that same date Fr. John T. Kolevar was appointed pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish and was formally installed June 9, 1959, by Msgr. John E. Gaizke, dean of the Alpena deanery.

Work now continues building up on this foundation so well begun and so well organized by preceding pastors.



PIONEER PRIEST—Rev. H. J. H. Schutjes was prominent in the early history of churches in Michigan.

Nine-Mile-Road St. Mary

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Wasilewski. This building cost about $15,000.

On Sunday, May 22, 1938 the St. Mary's cornerstone was blessed by Msgr. George O. Dequoy. Fr. Joseph Kaminski gave the sermon.

Credit must be given to both Fr. Fron and his father, Jacob Fron, for their untiring efforts in supervising the work.

The new rectory was completed Aug. 9, 1938, and Fr. Fron was assigned as the first residential pastor of St. Mary's. The church itself was finally completed Nov. 1, 1938. The first Mass was offered in it on Dec. 8, 1938, with a $4,000 debt on the building.

On Sept. 8, 1939, at 10 a.m. Bishop William Murphy of Saginaw blessed the new church. Fr. Szyper gave the sermon.

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Building Improved

IN JANUARY, 1946, Fr. Fron was transferred to St. Dominic Church in Metz. Fr. Joseph Gorski then took charge of St. Mary's Parish, followed by Fr. John Kuczynski, and later by Fr. Joseph Koper, who died on Oct. 27, 1951, and was buried in Mt. Calvary, the parish cemetery, two miles from the church.

On Sept. 12, 1951, Bishop Woznicki appointed Fr. Louis Wodecki pastor of St. Mary's, now with 80 families.

The church and the rectory needed improvements. Fr. Wodecki obtained the approval of his Bishop and the consent of the church committee of the parish. The raising of funds began for the decoration of the church and rectory, because the interior decoration was never finished.

Fr. Wodecki did not finish his work because he died on July 8, 1952, and was buried in St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Bay City.

On July 24, 1952, Bishop Woznicki appointed Fr. Waclaw Krawczyk as administrator of St. Mary's.

Fr. Krawczyk was directed to remodel the church and its rectory. With the consent of the church committee, every family in the parish consented to donate $50 for the painting and decorating of the church and rectory.

The contract signed by the church committee and Fr. Krawczyk called for nearly $4,000 to be spent on the specified improvements. The work was done by Leo Wozniak of Bay City.

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Renovation Continues

IN 1952 A $300 carpet was donated for the sanctuary by Peter and John Wasilewski.

On Sept. 16, 1952, the furnaces were changed from coal to oil for $800. In 1953, a 4,000-gallon oil tank was installed for $360. A new electric stove was purchased for the rectory kitchen with $300 donated by the Holy Rosary society.

The same year, 1953, the church parking lot was enlarged to twice its original size and graveled at a cost of $360.

A new septic tank was installed and new tiles were placed from the basement kitchen to the sewer ditch—the project costing near $100.

The latter work was done by John Zaucha of Linwood, with the help of parishioners John Matthews, James Belchak, George LaLonde, Walter Smolka, Anthony Chomas, Walter Smialkowski, Arthur Harenda, John Lanczak, Kurt Kleinhans, Joseph Walczak, and Floyd Osowski.

J. Roznowski from Bay City painted all the statues of the Way of the Cross for $5 and four large statues at $25 each. The expenses were paid (for painting) by all the parish societies.

Mrs. Mary Hug donated $25 for the painting of a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary outside of the church. Mr. and Mrs. Theophile Cabala donated $210 for a new front door for the church.

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Basement Remodeled

A NEW $210 lantern for the church was donated by Mr. and Mrs. James Belchak. In 1954, the basement of the church was completely remodeled—the floor was tiled and 25 new chairs and 8 tables were bought at the approximate cost of $850.00.

In 1955, a new fence was erected on the west side of the church by Anthony Chomas and Paul Przybylski. In the same year, the Holy Rosary ladies bought a $500 supply of candle sticks for the main altar.

In 1956, the exterior of the church and the rectory were painted, and the rectory and rear church steps were made of concrete, and a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary was painted with a donation of $30 by Mr. and Mrs. Philip Ratkos.

In 1957, two sets of vestments were purchased—white and green —costing $500. In the same year the golden jubilee of the parish was celebrated on Aug. 15. A new $108 fence was erected on the west side of the parish cemetery.

In 1958, a cooking stove was purchased for the church basement. In 1959, an aluminum front door and six storm windows were purchased for the rectory, a mimeograph for $175.00, and two lawnmowers for $235.

The kneelers of the church pews were re-covered in 1959. In 1960, new furniture—a sofa, two arm chairs and six dining-room chairs as well as new curtains—was purchased for the rectory at a cost of $385.

In 1961, insulation was put in the rectory attic—costing $600. The high altar and sanctuary were repainted, a new drape was bought for the sanctuary by donations from Earl Miller, Glenn Guoan, Eugene Goutko, Clifford Eldred, Emery Drouin, J. Reinhardt and Theresa Buda.

In 1961, Leonard Kustra painted all the designs of the sanctuary, the Last Supper moulding on the high altar, as well as the Stations of the Cross. He made no charge for his work.

A new fence was built on the east side of the church for $120. At this time also, acoustical tile was installed in the sacristy and altar boys' room at a cost of $109.

In 1962, a new fence and 28 new posts were placed on the south and east sides of the parish cemetery at a cost of $80, labor was contributed by August Cook, Anthony Chomas, Julius and Walter Smolka, James Belchak, Walter Smialkowski, Robert Pelton, Stephen Kanyo, Clifford Eldred and Stanley Zawislak.

A new garage door and combination windows were installed in the basement of the church for $450.

In January, 1961, the church property was surveyed and a new chart of the property was made by surveyor, George McPhail of Bay City.

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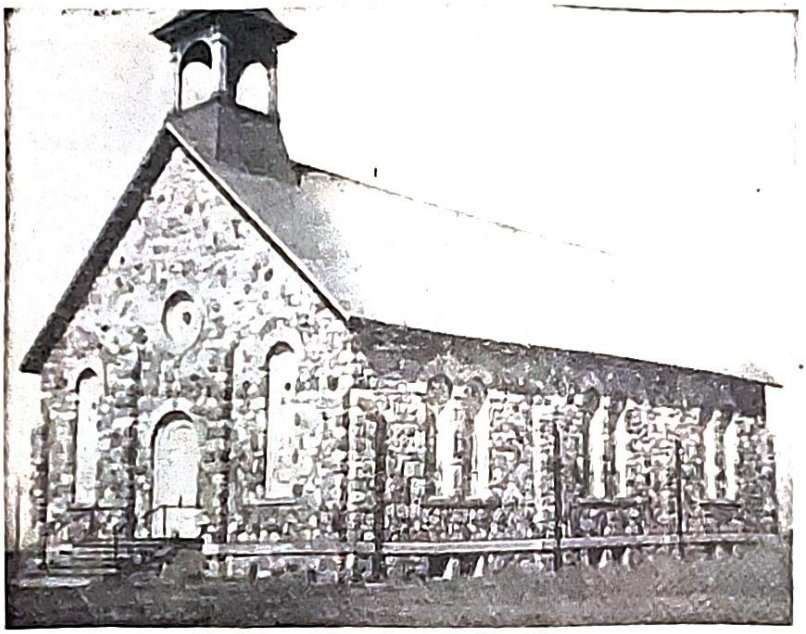
Parish Organizations

SEVERAL SOCIETIES assist the pastor in his work and promote the spiritual and social life of the parishioners.

Among them are the Holy Name society, the Holy Rosary society, the Young Ladies' sodality, Catholic League of Women, and Ushers club.

Since 1954, the following members of the parish have entered the priesthood and religious life: Mary Margaret Danak — Little Sisters of the B.V.M. in New Jersey; Raymond Kopka and Eugene Gontko — Capuchin Fathers, Indiana; Joanne Holysko—Sisters of Mercy, Detroit; and Sally Caroline Fick—Bernardine Sisters, Pennsylvania.

Since 1952, the parish has increased by more than 80 families —mostly converts, marriages, and others who have joined this parish.



St. Mary Church at Indian Reserve

Rural to Suburban Status for Nicholson Hill St. Catherine

IN THE DECADE prior to 1904 Fr. Godfrey Lenzen, formerly pastor of Klacking Creek St. Joseph Church, administered to the souls in the Nicholson Hill area. Residing in Alpena, he travelled by horse and buggy as well as by bicycle over those rough 15 miles. He offered Mass in the Tolson and the St. Charles schools.

He had originally planned the site of the church at Spruce, but later he chose the present location.

The site, comprising five acres on the crest of Nicholson Hill, was donated by Lazaire St. Charles. The hill received its name from one of the early lumbering companies in the area.

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Parish 'Firsts'

FR. JOSEPH L. Poulin was given charge of the Nicholson Hill area as a mission of Harrisville St. Anne. He built the first church there in 1904. The first Mass was celebrated on Christmas day in that same year.

The first child baptized in the church was Russell Louis LaLonde. Records show the first marriage to be that of Stephen LaLonde and Clementine Aube. On April 20, 1905 Mrs. Elizabeth MacQuarrie became the first to be buried in the parish cemetery behind the church.

All these rites were performed by Fr. Louis T. Bouchard who succeeded Fr. Poulin in the early winter of 1905. His first Communion class of June 25 comprised 18 children. Bishop Richter confirmed the first class of 42 candidates on July 13, since at that time the territory was part of the Grand Rapids diocese.

Fr. J. Arthur Houle came in October, 1913 and remained until the fall of 1918. During the latter part of his administration plans were drawn up for a rectory. Fr. Anthony Schumacher, however, who remained but a few months, built the rectory.

Fr. Frederick W. Ryan took charge of the parish from 1919 until July 1925. He was succeeded by Fr. J. N. Delehanty who administered the parish until 1931 when a resident pastor was appointed. Fr. J. A. Moleski became the first resident pastor of St. Catherine and the mission church of St. Gabriel, Black River. He remained 18 months. Fr. Earl F. Denay then took charge of the parish for one year.

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Present Pastor Installed

FR. GEORGE Lavallee came to St. Catherine as pastor in November of 1937. In the course of Fr. Lavallee's pastorate the parish became part of the newly created diocese of Saginaw.

Fr. John Debski, a Polish priest from Europe, assisted Fr. Lavallee from June 1950 until the spring of 1951. Fr. Theodore LaMarre was then sent to St. Catherine by Bishop Stephen S. Woznicki on April 6, 1951 as **vicarius adiutor.**

Fr. Robert J. Pelletier
Present Pastor

Fr. Lavallee retired as pastor because of ill-health in August of 1953. Fr. LaMarre remained as pastor until October 20, 1955. In the course of his pastorate the St. Charles school was purchased and converted into a parish hall. Fr. Raymond Pilarski acted as assistant during the summer months of 1955.

On Oct. 20, 1955 at 7:30 p.m. Msgr. John E. Gatzke, dean of the Alpena Deanery, installed Fr. Robert Pelletier, M.A. as pastor.

In the spring of 1956 the parish began its regular program of lay participation in the Mass. A little later laymen were used to read the Epistle and the Gospel in English.

Fr. Charles O'Neil, newly ordained priest, served as assistant from June 15 to Sept. 7, 1956.

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New Church Built

ON OCT. 13 of that year the canonical boundary lines were established for St. Catherine and its mission church of St. Gabriel, Black River. At the same time, the St. Mary church at Indian Reserve, which had been closed, was placed under the jurisdic-

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Infrequent Use Made of Church at Indian Reserve

IN 1913 THE CATHOLIC families living at Indian Reserve and Hubbard Lake numbered more than 40. It was decided to divide the parish of St. Rose at Herron and begin construction of a church at Indian Reserve as a mission to Herron.

Fr. P. A. O'Toole, pastor of St. Rose at the time, hired an architect and plans were drawn up. The men of the area built the church under the direction of Mr. Gagnon from Alpena.

In 1914 the church was blessed. The interior, however, was not finished until 1917, under the pastorate of Fr. J. A. Camirand.

The last payment on the debt of the church was made in 1924 by Fr. George Gougeon.

Fr. Camirand became pastor in October, 1917, and remained until 1921. In that year Fr. Gougeon became pastor. When he left in 1929, Fr. William E. Fraser came as pastor and served the people in that capacity until 1934.

Fr. Lucien Bourget administered the mission church from 1934 to 1950.

ON SEPT. 12, 1950 Fr. Harry Hart became pastor. In January of 1951, because of the small number of Catholics left in the Indian Reserve area, Fr. Hart closed the church. The families there then went to various neighboring churches.

The church was opened for a few summers, however, when extra help was available. Fr. Thomas Atkins helped Fr. Hart in the summer of 1951, and the church was open for that time.

On Jan. 15, 1953, Fr. Hart was replaced as pastor by Fr. Joseph Branigan.

In 1956, on Oct. 13, canonical boundary lines were given to the parish of Nicholson Hill St. Catherine. The church at Indian Reserve was included within the territory.

The people of that area were thus transferred to the jurisdiction of Fr. Robert Pelletier, who became pastor of St. Catherine on Oct. 20, 1955.

Masses were offered in the church from June 16 to Sept. 1, 1957 while Fr. Barney Janowicz was assistant at St. Catherine. It was not until July 3, 1960 that the church was used again.

This time Fr. David Shaum, professor at Mount Saint Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Md., assisted Fr. Pelletier. Masses were offered each Sunday until Sept. 4.

FR. LEO GENGLER was stationed at St. Catherine for a few weeks in 1961 to aid with the Mexican Apostolate. On July 2, 9, 16, and 23 the church was opened for Mass with Fr. Gengler's help.

Of the 18 families now living in the area eleven attend Mass at St. Catherine. The remaining seven go either to St. Rose or to one of the parishes in Alpena.

Quiet Black River Once a Bustling Lumber Town

BLACK RIVER is located on Lake Huron between Alpena and Harrisville. The little village is but a shadow of what it was in the lumber days. At that time Black River was a thriving community. Lumberjacks and mill operators came with their families from all over the Midwest.

It is said that at one time more than 2,000 families had settled in the area. The main industry was centered around the huge Alger Smith Lumber Saw Mill and Shingle Mill.

Five trains of long timber and two rafts of rough were hauled out of the area each day. Some 1200-1500 men worked in shifts around the clock.

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Land, Lumber Donated

IN THE MIDST of this boom, St. Gabriel was established. The

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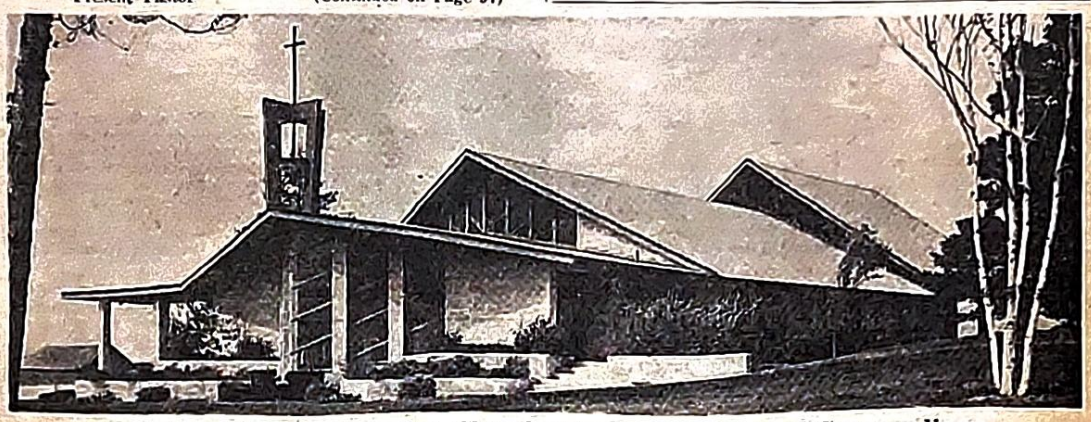
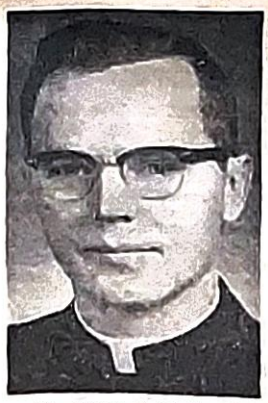
Black River St. Gabriel



Nicholson Hill St. Catherine Church Blends with Natural Surroundings

Fr. Vernon J. Sierminski
Present Pastor



Fr. Elmer J. Terbrack
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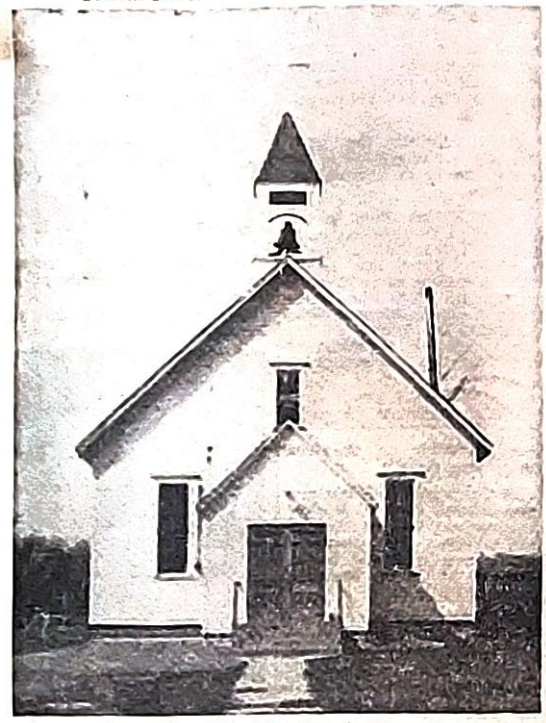

Mikado St. Raphael Church

Mikado St. Raphael Lies in Heart of Tourist Area

MIKADO — The Church signalled its establishment in Mikado when Father C. P. Winter, pastor of Sacred Heart parish, Au Sable began monthly Mass in 1889 at the former McDonald and more recently Loyer residence one half mile east and south of town.

In October, 1889, Fr. F. H. Ruessmann succeeded as pastor followed by Father J. Marah in February, 1892.

When Father Julien Doucet became pastor in 1893, he took steps to build the first church building at Mikado. Foundations were laboriously and slowly placed due to pure clay deposit at the present site.

With the arrival of Father Joseph Poulin in February, 1895 as first resident pastor of St. Anne, Harrisville, St. Raphael Mission was established at Mikado and attached to Harrisville. Father Poulin completed St. Raphael Church in time for the dedication by Bishop Richter of Grand Rapids on August 18, 1895.

Father Louis Bouchard came to Harrisville in February, 1905 and cared for St. Raphael. After the fire in Au Sable destroyed the church buildings, Oscoda was reduced to a mission and attached to St. Anne, Harrisville. The people from Au Sable attended the Sacred Heart Mission church at Oscoda.

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More Masses

FATHER ARTHUR Houle who was sent to St. Anne in October, 1913 died of influenza on Feb. 19, 1919.

Following his discharge from the Army as Chaplain, Father Fred W. Ryan was appointed pas-

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Glennie is Summer Mission—

New Church at Harrisville Has Seating Capacity of 900

HARRISVILLE—Before actual establishment of a parish in Harrisville, the town was hallowed by the presence of the scholarly, vigorous, and saintly Bishop Baraga of Marquette, Apostle of the Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, who put ashore for two days during a storm on April 20, 1861, while enroute to Cincinnati, Ohio.

As a travelling missionary he performed labors that now seem superhuman, such as walking on snowshoes along the woodland shores of Upper and Lower Michigan well beyond and south of Alcona county.

ON FEBRUARY 13, 1868, Bishop Lefevre wrote to Fr. Patrick Murray of Alpena, giving him missionary faculties (after the death of Bishop Baraga) saying: "Please be so kind as to visit occasionally Harrisville and the Catholics living in adjacent places. The Very Rev. Ignatius Mark continues to be Vicar General for the northern part of this Diocese."

In 1868, under the direction of Fr. Patrick Bernard Murray, a site was chosen for a Church, which was donated by Francis LaChapelle on South State Street. During the same year a 24 x 40 church was built.

With the rapid development of the lumbering industry came an influx of people of French, Irish, and Scotch extraction, a factor demanding enlargement of the church.

In 1874, Fr. Nevin, pastor of Sacred Heart Church, AuSable, who had the care of souls at St. Anne mission, Harrisville, built an addition to the present church making it 30 feet wide, with plans as the congregation increased, to raze the original building, and continue enlarging as necessary. His plans, however, never materialized.

FR. VAN GENNIP, delegated by Bishop Borgess, blessed St. Anne Church July 26, 1875.

From 1881 to 1889 St. Anne Church was attended by Fr. Roche and Fr. C. P. Winter.

In October, 1889, Fr. F. H. Ruessmann was appointed first pastor. He purchased the so called C. P. Reynolds house, next to the Church, but never resided here.

In 1892 and 1893 either Fr. J. Mahar of Sacred Heart, AuSable, or his assistant, Fr. Edward LeFevre, took care of St. Anne.

Fr. Julien Doucet attended St. Anne, from AuSable, during the interval of 1893 to 1895.

FR. JOSEPH POULIN was appointed first resident pastor of St. Anne in February, 1895, with the Missions St. Gabriel, Black River, and St. Raphael, Mikado. Father Poulin finished the building of St. Raphael Church at Mikado which was begun by Father Doucet. Father Louis Bouchard succeeded him in February, 1905. After the fire in AuSable destroyed the church buildings, Oscoda was attached as a Mission to St. Anne, Harrisville.

Fr. Arthur Houle came to St. Anne's in October, 1913. He died of influenza on February 19, 1919.

After his discharge from the army as chaplain, Fr. Fred W. Ryan was appointed pastor in March, 1919. He was succeeded in August, 1924, by Father Joseph W. Delehanty.

In April, 1926, the rectory was destroyed by fire. At once, work began on the new rectory and was completed the same year.

IN 1930, the church was completely renovated. The parishioners willingly offered their labor to excavate for a full basement and assist with the cement work.

Steam heating was installed and the inside was painted.

In the fall of 1934, Nicholson Hill was given a pastor with St. Gabriel, Black River, as Mission. A new Mission was formed comprising Haynes and Hawes Townships. Services were held every second Sunday in a country school house known as French School. This Mission ceased to exist when Fr. Julian Maleski was appointed to St. Anne in August, 1937.

On January 13, 1938, Fr. Adalbert Narloch took charge of the parish and was canonically installed pastor on the 15th.

June 26, 1950, Sacred Heart, Oscoda, became a parish with a resident pastor to which St. Raphael, Mikado, was attached as Mission.

AFTER fifteen years, Fr. Adalbert Narloch was transferred to Rogers City St. Ignatius as pastor on January 14, 1953. On the next day, January 15, 1953, Fr. Raymond C. Mulka came from St. Stanislaus Church, Bay City to be installed in charge of St. Anne.

On June 20, 1963, Fr. Mulka was transferred to Alpena St. Mary's as pastor.

On June 21, 1963, Fr. Vernon J. Sierminski was installed as pastor of St. Anne's, St. Raphel's church in Mikado and the Glennie Summer Mission.

Bishop Woznicki reattached St. Raphael, Mikado, as Mission to Harrisville, April 6, 1953.

With the profession of Geneva Jobin as Sister Anne Imelde, O. P. some years ago as the first known religious vocation from the parish, a second parishioner, Sylvia Cushion became Sister Josella, C.SS.F. in August, 1961. Preston Odette, attending St. Paul Seminary, Saginaw, represents our single candidate to the priesthood. Fr. John Rushman, ordained June 4, 1955 as a member of St. Raphael, Mikado, is the first and only priest from the county.

With the progressively greater influx of summer visitors in the north each year the need of a new and larger church became evident. On July 25, 1955, the first step was initiated with the purchase of the Albert Noyes home and property just south and adjacent to the old church. To accommodate the crowds in the meantime, Fr. Joseph Szarek was appointed summer assistant on June 15, 1956.

IN 1958, there began a period of consultation to determine the needs and nature of the new church. For eighteen months the architectural firm of Oeming and Waters, Saginaw, met periodically with the pastor and church committee. Finally, preliminary sketches were approved by the Bishop on December 22, 1959, followed by the final plans on May 17, 1960.

Ground was broken on July 10, 1960. The contractors, Thunder Bay construction, under Harry Skiba of Tawas began work on the first phase of foundations, footings, and anchor bolts and completed the task before winter set in. A bank loan of $70,000 was negotiated between March 28, 1961, and November 30, 1961, to match funds already on hand.

On October 8, 1961, Msgr. John J. Sonefeld, Vicar General of the Diocese, officiated at the laying of the cornerstone.

The second construction phase, begun on April 24, 1961, brought the building to an enclosed status permitting use of the church for Mass for the first time on Sunday, November 19, 1961. Work gradually progressed with the completion of all painting, electrical, heating and general construction in time for the solemn

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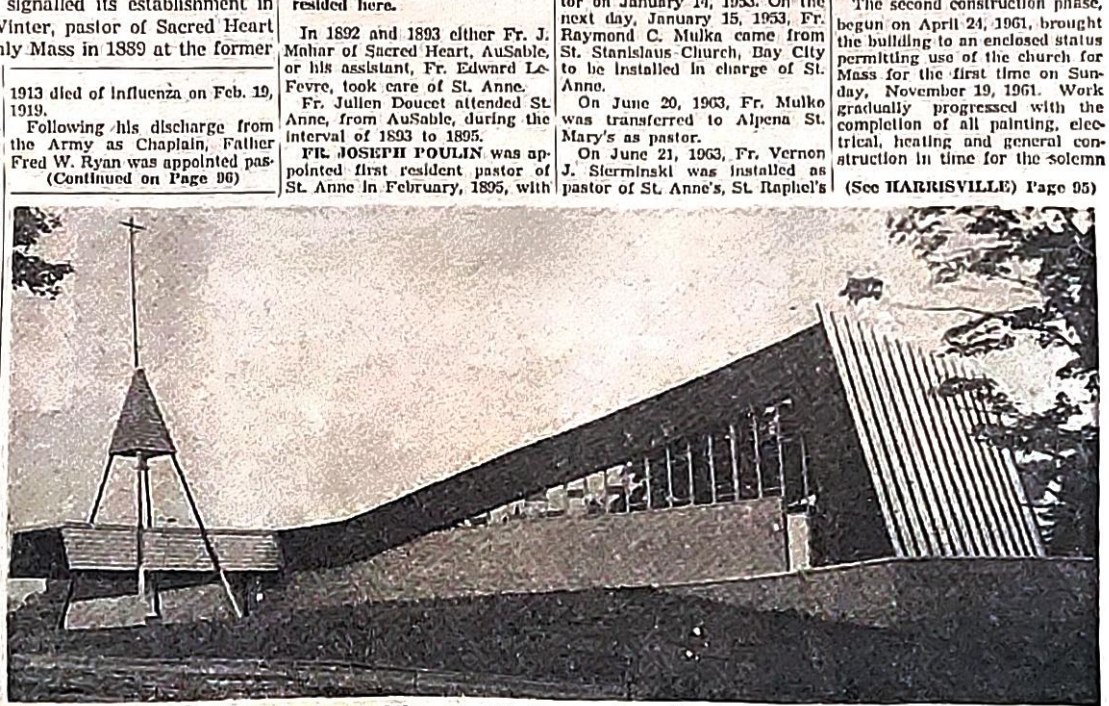
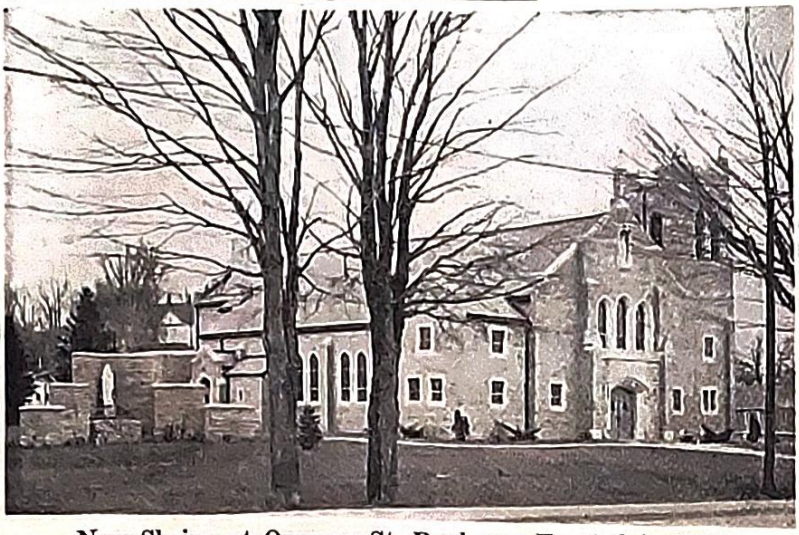


Harrisville St. Anne Thrusts Its Form Into Spruce and Pine Skyline



New Shrine at Onaway St. Paul was Erected in 1959

Dedication of St. Paul Church Launched Decade of Achievement

ONAWAY—Fr. Albert Dequoy of Alverno celebrated the first recorded mass in Onaway at the home of James Burbey in 1898.

The rectory was built during the 1903-1905 period. On June 16, 1906 Fr. Thomas W. Albin became first resident pastor of St. Paul parish.

St. Paul's school was dedicated by Bishop Richter on Sept. 8, 1911. A convent was built in 1913.

St. Paul Church on the corner of Oak and Shaw Streets was burned on Nov. 8, 1925.

In June, 1927, the school closed for lack of funds and pupils and the Dominican Sisters bade farewell after 16 years of labor.

Burning of the large rim factory and the subsequent transfer of the plant to Alma had caused 60 percent of the parish and one-half of the town's population of 3,000 to move.

During the pastorate of Fr. Joseph Culligan who came in June, 1940, the place for mass for St. Paul's parish was moved from the auditorium of the school building down to the first floor.

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New Church Dedicated

IN 1944, the parish purchased frontage on Washington Ave. as a building site for a new church. Construction began June 2, 1950 following ground-breaking by Msgr. John E. Gatzke, Dean of the Alpena Deanery, on May 28, 1950.

The cornerstone was blessed by Bishop Woznicki on Aug. 25, 1950. The first mass was celebrated in the new church on Sunday, April 29, 1951.

Permanent doors and birch trim were installed so the church could be dedicated on Sept. 8, 1952 by Bishop Woznicki in the presence of 40 priests and proud parishioners. Fr. Thomas W. Ryan, then pastor, was celebrant at the mass of thanksgiving.

Deacon was Fr. William Fraser. Fr. Charles Mahoney was subdeacon. Both are sons of the parish.

Deacons of honor were Fr. John M. Westdorp, deceased, and Fr. Frank McLaughlin, former pastors.

Bishop Woznicki's sermon was broadcast over Rogers City Radio Station WHAK.

A periodic problem for the church has been spring water which tends to invade the basement.

During 1953, 3,000 yards of fill dirt were used in landscaping. In 1955 the limed-oak pews were purchased from the Svoboda Church Furniture Company of Wisconsin. The vinyl tile floor was installed. In the spring of 1956 vestment cases and cabinets in the boys' sacristy were installed.

Seating capacity of the new church is 346 in the nave, with 60 additional in the choir balcony. Benches along the outside walls permit a seating of 200 extra persons.

Total cost of the church with furnishings and fill was $113,380.

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School Site Bought

IN JUNE, 1953, the church completed arrangements for purchase of Lots 21 and 22 from Arthur Peacock for a total of $3,300.

To complete the acquisition of the entire block of 2½ acres for church property in anticipation of the day when the Catholic school might be possible. The one house remaining on the above lots is being rented.

St. Paul's golden anniversary was marked in 1950. A civic banquet was held on July 8, and a solemn mass of thanksgiving was celebrated in the presence of Bishop Woznicki on July 9 by Fr. Ryan.

On June 14, 1957 Fr. Ryan was transferred to Alma St. Mary's and Fr. Mason L. Vaughn became St. Paul pastor.

Stained glass windows were installed in the church by Brahm Art Glass Studio of Massillion, Ohio, for $7,155. The windows

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St. Dominic Parish Hall Renovated During 1961

METZ — The first Catholic pioneers arrived in Metz Township in 1873. By 1902 the Metz residents tired of going to Posen St. Casimir for church services and decided to build their own church.

Fr. Francis Kaczmarek was appointed first resident pastor of Metz St. Dominic in 1906.

In the disastrous Metz fire of October 6, 1908, the St. Dominic church and rectory were among the few buildings to survive.

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New Church Built

IN THE PASTORATE of Fr. Francis Piaskowski a two-classroom school was built, with the pastor as school teacher.

Under the pastorate of Fr. Skowronski, Bishop Gallagher permitted the Mercy Sisters to assume charge of St. Dominic's School on Jan. 30, 1917. It then had an enrollment of 70 children. The school was closed under the pastorate of Fr. Paul Felchnerowski in 1920.

On Thanksgiving Day, 1931, the Metz parish rejoiced in the completion of its new church building.

Fr. Stanislaus Fron became pastor of St. Dominic on Jan. 15, 1946. In 1947 the church was redecorated. Three new marble altars, a marble communion railing, liturgical lights, three bronze liturgical tabernacles were added to beautify the church.

On Dec. 8, 1948, the parish celebrated its 50th anniversary.

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Recent Years

AFTER SERVING the parish for almost 13 years Fr. Fron left Metz on Oct. 15, 1958 to become pastor of St. Joseph parish in Auburn. He was succeeded by Fr. Zygmunt Gaj who stayed in Metz for almost two years.

During Fr. Gaj's pastorate the children choir was founded. Besides the regular catechism instruction received by children during the school year, the summer school of religion conducted by the Felician Sisters of the Livonia Province was started by Fr. Gaj in 1959.

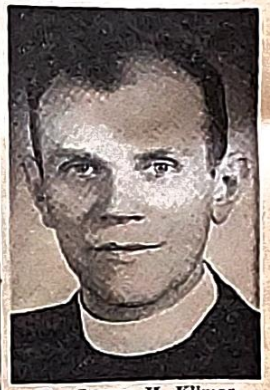
Fr. Gaj left Metz in August, 1960, to become pastor of St. John The Evangelist parish in Ubly.

His successor the next one and one-half years was Fr. Bronislaus Kaczmarczyk.

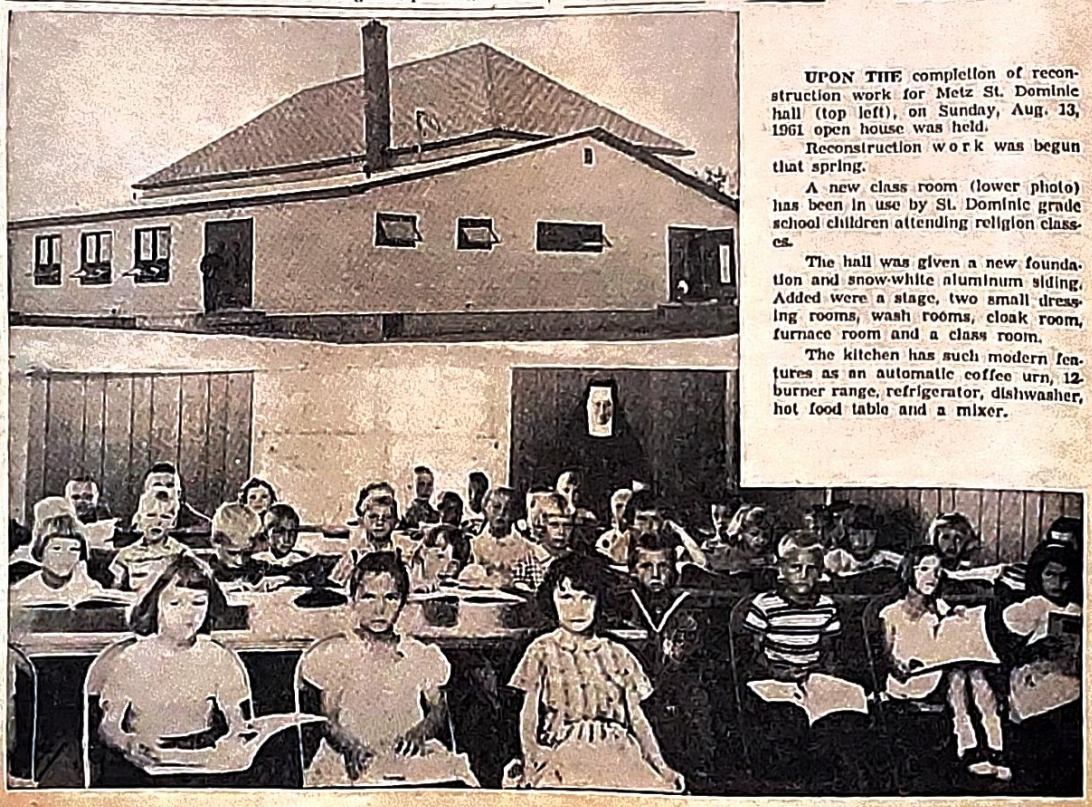
During Fr. Kaczmarczyk's pastorate the parish hall was remodelled and modernized in the summer of 1961 at a cost of $34,000. A mission conducted by a Passionist father was held in October, 1961.

Fr. Kaczmarczyk was transferred to Saginaw St. George on March 5, 1962.

He was succeeded by Fr. George H. Klimas.



Fr. George H. Klimas
Present Pastor



UPON THE completion of reconstruction work for Metz St. Dominic hall (top left), on Sunday, Aug. 13, 1961 open house was held.

Reconstruction work was begun that spring.

A new class room (lower photo) has been in use by St. Dominic grade school children attending religion classes.

The hall was given a new foundation and snow-white aluminum siding. Added were a stage, two small dressing rooms, wash rooms, cloak room, furnace room and a class room.

The kitchen has such modern features as an automatic coffee urn, 12-burner range, refrigerator, dishwasher, hot food table and a mixer.

Fr. Lawrence H. Greiner

PIONEER PRIEST The Rev. Reinurus J. Van der Heyden, a Dutch priest, arrived in Saginaw from Detroit in 1861 and worked in a wide field from St. Andrew parish in the next 40 years to establish the Faith on a firm footing.

New Trustees Announced for Mercy

DETROIT — Mother Mary Justine, R.S.M., Mother Provincial of the Religious Sisters of Mercy of the Province of Detroit, announced the appointment of a new Board of Trustees for Mercy College.

The new Board includes five lay persons, a move believed unprecedented in Catholic educational annals. They will participate with six members of the order in major policy decisions governing the college.

"WE HAVE appointed Earl G. Ward, Louis J. Colombo, Jr., Louis C. Miriani, William C. Pine and Allan J. Powers as members in the confidence that their broad professional and business experience in the community and demonstrated dedication to the ideals of higher education will exert a salutary effect at the highest administrative level on decisions affecting the future of Mercy College of Detroit," Mother Mary Justine said.

"We are a young college—22 years of age just now—and we need to expand," said Sister Mary Lucille, R.S.M., president of Mercy college. **"We feel that our physical growth which we are now beginning is an outward sign of the progress we are experiencing from within, and the new Board of Trustees promises to meet this challenge."**

Chairman of the new Board of Trustees is Mother Mary Justine, R.S.M.; vice-chairman is Mother Mary Maurita, R.S.M., assistant mother provincial; secretary-treasurer, Sister Mary Lucille, R.S.M. Other members are Sister Mary Raymund, R.S.M., provincial counselor; Sister Marietta, R.S.M., provincial procurator; and Sister Eugenia Marie, R.S.M., academic dean of the College.

Ward is vice-president of purchasing for Fort Motor co. Colombo is a well-known Detroit attorney. Miriani, former mayor of Detroit, is executive vice-president of Aaronsson Printing co. Pine is director of the Scholarship Program for Ford Motor co. Power is vice-president for development at Mercy College of Detroit.

EXPANSION plans to be considered by the new Board must meet a projected increase from the present enrollment of 856 students to 1,500 by 1970.

Beginning of grand jury investigation of corruption in the Legislature was in 1943.

Harrisville

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dedication of Sunday, August 12, 1962 at noon. The Bishop officiated and confirmed a class of 50 children and adults on the same occasion.

ALL FURNISHINGS, with the exception of pews, for the 900 capacity church were designed and fabricated by St. Christopher's workshop, Bremen, Indiana. These furnishings and the pews are being donated by the parishioners with the help of summer friends of St. Anne.

A summer mission was opened in Glennie on Sunday, June 17, 1962, in deference to resorters in this isolated southwestern Alcona County community on M-65. Fr. Julius Spleet, in residence at St. Anne, offered two Masses each Sunday at Glennie. Until such time as it warrants year around Mass, it will be known as the Glennie Catholic Mission without further title. Mass will be offered only during the summer from the third week of June until Labor Day.

Plans call for the final work including pews, plumbing, floor tile, sanctuary carpeting, exterior north courtyard, sidewalks and landscaping during the spring of 1964.

Turner

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red in September, 1951, to St. Agatha's parish of Gagetown. Fr. Henry P. DuRussel was installed as pastor on Sept. 13, 1951. Fr. DuRussel organized the Summer School.

The children were at first transported by some farmers with trucks and pick-ups. Fr. Michael Maher was appointed pastor on Sept. 30, 1953.

During Fr. Maher's time he made various improvements at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. On May 13, 1959, Fr. Maher was transferred to St. John's at Carrollton and Fr. Bela E. Torok was installed as present pastor.

In the fall of 1959 a parking lot was established around the Church with the help of the men and 200 loads of fill dirt was brought in to fill it.

In the summer of 1960 a new vestibule and lavatory facilities were built at the entrance of the church basement. The basement was expanded, new windows installed and new lighting fixtures.

In 1961 the Altar Society purchased a new organ which cost $1500. Also the exterior of the church was painted, crushed stone spread on the parking lot and new posts installed.

OUR LADY of Lourdes Church has a student for the priesthood, Gerald Forro, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Forro of Twining, studying at St. John's Seminary at Plymouth.

Hale

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people, and is one of the finest church buildings in this rural area. **In the summer months three Masses on Sundays accommodate 1,400 people.**

In May 13, 1959, Fr. Michael F. Maher was transferred to Carrollton. Fr. Bela E. Torok then took over the care of St. Pius X Church.

During the past three years $25,000 was paid on the Church debt, leaving $10,000 to be paid to date. In 1962, the Church was completely painted on the outside and other small improvements added. Also in 1962, a new organ was purchased for $1500 by the Altar Society and Holy Name Society.

ST. PIUS X Church has a very fine potential to become a parish Church with a mission at Glennie, Mich. Future plans call for the erection of a rectory.

Michigan Church Pioneers—

Bishop John Samuel Foley, D.D., of Detroit

FOURTH BISHOP of Detroit, consecrated at Baltimore Nov. 4, 1888. Bishop Foley remained as Bishop of Detroit until 1918.

Michigan Church Pioneers—

Bishop Frederic Rese

FATHER FREDERIC Rese was a native of Hanover, Germany. He was ordained at Rome in 1822 and two years later was stationed at Cincinnati, Ohio. At the time of his appointment to be Bishop of the new See of Detroit in 1833 he was Vicar-General of the diocese of Cincinnati and its Administrator after the death of Bishop Fenwick. He was consecrated at Cincinnati Oct. 6, 1833. He resigned in 1837 and left for Rome in 1839. He died in Hildesheim, Germany, Dec. 30, 1871.

In April, 1837, while attending the Provincial Council of the American Bishops at Baltimore, Bishop Rese asked to resign pleading ". . . that the administration of the new diocese with it many difficulties and cares springing up on every side was a burden far too great to bear."

WHEN BISHOP Rese resigned conditionally in 1841 he was succeeded by Coadjutor Bishop Peter Paul Lefevre who administered the diocese until his (Bishop Lefevre's) death in 1869.

Bishop Rese died Dec. 30, 1871.

Bishop Rese

Sees Segregation 'as Cruel as Gas Chambers'

ST. LOUIS — (NC) — Joseph Cardinal Ritter charged here that "the weapons of segregation, discrimination and economic oppression can be every bit as cruel as gas chambers and concentration camps."

Dismissing the doctrine of racial superiority as "insane," the Archbishop of St. Louis urged citizens to unite in a "holy discontent" at instances of race prejudice.

"We can never rest content so long as injustice remains," Cardinal Ritter told the St. Louis Conference on Religion and Race, held here.

THE CARDINAL said racism is being practiced in St. Louis as in other parts of the country. He particularly singled out housing discrimination for condemnation and said it is estimated that 70 per cent of all Negro homes in St. Louis are in "blighted" areas.

"Surely it is a grave injustice and discrimination when one segment of our population in this area is forced because of economic conditions to live in substandard dwellings, or even more so when that segment is denied freedom of housing because of public sentiment and by the manipulation of unscrupulous and greedy realtors," he said.

Outlining the approach of the Church to such problems are racial discrimination, he commented:

"The Church is not and should not be a power block, capable of forcing compliance with directives of its leadership.

"Rather, it is for the Church to enunciate principles and their application to modern problems clearly and without equivocation, leaving it to men of the Church as free citizens to devise the most effective means of applying them to concrete situations."

Hillman

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capacity amounted to only 175. Besides the natural growth of the parish itself, tourist crowds were getting larger each year.

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New Church Rises

ON FEB. 12, 1953, Father Joseph Branigan was appointed pastor of St. Augustine and the mission of St. Rose in Herron. His first move was to give the two parishes a permanent Mass schedule for Sundays and Holy days: 8 and 11:30 a.m. at St. Augustine; and 9:15 a.m. at St. Rose.

Additional land on M-32 was purchased and the old church was exchanged for the VFW Hall located on the new property. This latter building was converted into a new parish Hall.

By 1956, $70,000 had been raised through a pledge drive, many festivals, dinners and other activities. Bay City architect Joseph Goddeyne was hired to draw plans for a new contemporary-liturgical church.

Construction began on Aug. 16, 1957 by the Firm of Serenus Johnson and Son from Bay City.

The first Mass was offered by Father Branigan on June 14, 1958.

The Solemn Dedication on Sunday, July 3, 1960, was conducted by Bishop Woznicki. But it was not until Nov. 15, 1962 that the new Church was completed with the installation of pews which brought the total seating capacity to 705.

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Parish Outlook

DURING THE summer of 1962 a thorough census of the area was taken by two Victory Noll Sisters. It revealed that much apostolic work needs to be done.

The parish numbers 125 families at the present time. The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine is well organized as far as the grade school, and high school children are concerned but much more work needs to be done in putting the entire CCD Program into operation.

The Felician Sisters from St. Mary's Parish in Alpena have been a wonderful help. Ever since 1950 they have sent two nuns to instruct the grade school children on Sundays after the 8 a.m. Mass.

Sister Mary Daniel O.S.F. and Sister Mary Ronald O.S.F. taught this year (1962-63).

Oscoda

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tiful dedication to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Attendance at Mass in the summer time reaches 5,000 persons. Two parking lots now joined by a circular drive, now handle 300 cars at one time. A full time maintenance man, plus an additional full time helper in the summer, care for the buildings and grounds.

The grounds and landscaping of Sacred Heart church grounds are considered as beautiful as any in the north.

About 500 visitors a day visit this church during the summer months and their expressions of joy and satisfaction with this church on the lake has given all the parishioners reasons for justifiable pride in their parish.

Fr. Henry P. DuRussel and Fr. Edward P. O'Reilly serve Sacred Heart parish today. It is possible, with the continued blessings of Almighty God and the spirited support of parishioners, visitors and military personnel of Wurtsmith A.F.B., that a rectory and school building could be built within the next two years. If this is accomplished, a complete parish will have been constructed on this new church site from 1951-1964.

Queen of Angels — Spiritual Powerhouse of the Diocese—

Retreat House Dedicated in 1956

PROMOTION of the lay retreat movement in the Saginaw Diocese dates back to the fall of 1944 when a small group of men, returning from a retreat in Detroit, conceived the idea of organizing a closed retreat at St. Vincent Villa in Shields.

These men had been making retreats in other cities for many years but they felt that if accommodations could be arranged locally more men would become interested.

With the approval of the late Bishop Murphy, the cooperation of the Sisters of St. Vincent Home, and the intensive work of an active promotion committee, a retreat master was obtained, cooks and waiters were hired, and in spite of the limited accommodations of the Villa, 45 men made the exercises.

The retreat was considered an outstanding success.

On September 21, the Villa retreatants were invited to a meeting for the purpose of forming an association that would further the promotion of retreats in and around Saginaw.

First officers of the new organization were Fred C. Nentwig, president; Fernando J. Borcy, secretary; and Carl B. Herbes, treasurer. It was called Laymen's Retreat League.

Bishop Murphy expressed the wish that the scope of the League be extended throughout the entire diocese. The name, therefore, was changd to Layman's Retreat League of the Diocese of Saginaw.

From its small beginning of 12 charter members, the League, within three years, developed into an active organization of some 500 men most of whom in time became regular retreatants.

In the 11 years from 1944 to and including 1954 the League sponsored and arranged 44 retreats in the summer vacation months at St. Vincent Home with an average attendance of 50 men to each retreat.

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Women's Group Formed

IN NOVEMBER, 1952, a similar organization was formed among the women of the diocese.

Officers elected at the first meeting were Mrs. R. J. MacDonald, president; Mrs. E. L. Shooltz, vice president; Dr. Frances Sullivan, secretary; and Mrs. Isabelle Eickholt, treasurer.

Through efforts of the league several retreats were arranged for women at St. Vincent Home, and many other women were induced to go to Detroit, Prudenville and other cities for an annual retreat.

The enthusiasm thus aroused and the success attained made it evident that a suitable retreat center was needed to properly accommodate the rapidly growing numbers of the laity who were sold on the idea of closed retreats.

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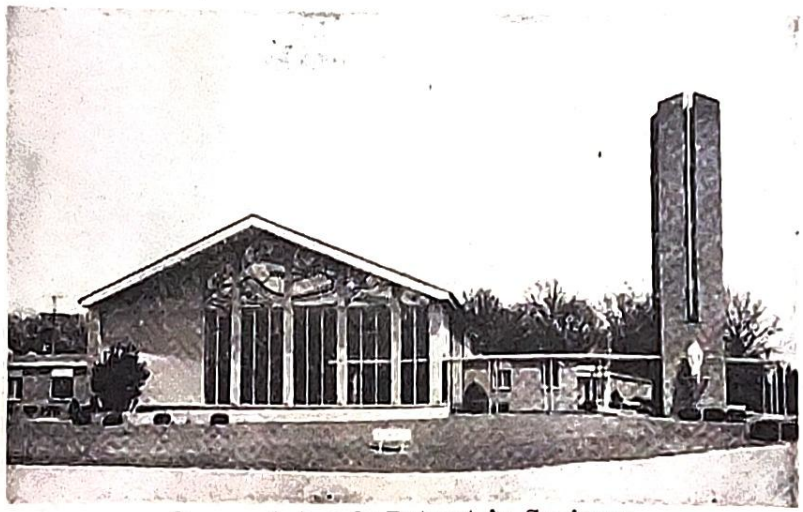
Capuchins Contacted

IN JANUARY, 1953, the Capuchin Fathers of St. Joseph Province, with headquarters in Detroit, were made aware of the Saginaw retreat activities through a chance meeting of one of their missionaries, Fr. Blase Gitzen, O.F.M.Cap., and Fr. Joseph W. Roach, spiritual director of both leagues.

The potential of the many retreat-minded persons living in the Saginaw area appealed to the Capuchins, and thus it came about that they offered to build and operate a retreat house.

Bishop Woznicki was heartily in accord with the idea. He could readily forsee the many advantages of a house of retreats, and the possibility of



Queen of Angels Retreat in Saginaw

For others it brings a better knowledge of the duties of their vocation and what God expects of them. For many it is the beginning of a closer relationship with the Mother of God under whose protection the retreat house is dedicated.

Symbolic of Our Lady's maternal solicitude is her white marble statue standing at the base of the bell tower with arms extended to welcome the scholar and the untaught, the poor and the rich, the laborer and the captain of industry.

Here the man of business hurries from his desk or counter that he may balance the ledger of his soul. Here the lawyer sets aside his briefs that he may understand the inspirations of eternal law. Here the busy housewife and mother enjoys a respite from her daily cares and learns the secret of maternal sanctification.

It is within this hallowed sanctuary that men and women of virtue return each year to hear the Sermon on the Mount. It is here too that the troubled one, who may have stumbled along life's highway, finds the grace and the strength to abandon the world's bewildering masquerade and come back to his Father's house.

a number of religious priests taking up residence to help relieve the shortage of the diocesan clergy.

After a committee of laymen had inspected several possible locations for the retreat house the present site was selected because it is surroundd by cemetery property and thus cannot be encroached upon by any commercial or industrial projects. It has access to pure water, electricity, drainage and other commodities.

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Dedicated by Cardinal

ON SEPT. 12, 1953, the 16-acre parcel of land was purchased from the Catholic Cemetery Commission by the Laymen's Retreat League and presented to the Capuchin Fathers as a token of gratitude for their generous undertaking.

Ground was broken on Oct. 16, 1954. The corner-stone was laid on Aug. 14, 1955.

On June 24, 1956 the completed house was solemnly dedicated by His Eminence the late Edward Cardinal Mooney, in the presence of five bishops, a hundred or more priests and brothers and a large gathering of the laity.

The first lay retreat was held June 8-10, 1956 with 45 men of Midland in attendance.

The first superior of Queen of Angels was Fr. Cyprian Abler, O.F.M.Cap., who had previously been Minister Provincial of St. Joseph Province, and had negotiated with the Bishop and others in the establishment of the house.

Father Cyprian was compelled to retire in 1958 because of ill health. He was replaced by Fr. Elmer Stoffel, O.F.M.Cap., who still holds the position of Guardian and who is also Pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Parish.

In the summer of 1958 Father Simeon Keogh, O.F.M.Cap., was appointed Director of Retreats. He remained until July, 1961, when he was transferred to become Guardian and Pastor of St. Benedict the Moor Friary and Parish in Milwaukee. To fill the vacancy, Father Flavian Blong, O.F.M.Cap., was assigned as Retreat Director.

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'Parish Plan' Popular

MOST OF THE retreats are organized on a parish level, or according to what is sometimes referred to as "The parish plan." This means that retreat chairmen (one for men and one for women) are appointed with the approval of the pastor in each parish.

Each chairman in turn forms a retreat promotion committee, the members of which make personal calls to invite and induce as many parishioners as possible to make the retreat assigned to the parish on a given date.

Besides the parish retreats provision is also made for other groups. Each year from three to four week-ends are reserved for unmarried working girls from all parts of the diocese.

There is an annual retreat for nurses, one for school teachers and one for married couples. In the past two years several very successful retreats have been arranged for high school students.

Statistics show that in the seven years of operation 366 closed retreats have been conducted for the laity with a total attendance of 17,723 individuals.

Forty-five days of recollection have been held for high school seniors and other organizations. The number attending these one-day exercises exceeds 2,500.

There have been 21 retreats for the diocesan clergy with an average of 45 priests coming for each retreat.

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Multitude of Benefits

THOSE WHO COME to Queen of Angels will testify to the multitude of benefits derived from the making of a good retreat.

In the quiet restful atmosphere of the retreat house they find it possible to bring order into their lives, to solve various problems, to gain extraordinary graces, to make forthright decisions.

For some it may be the means of gaining a new appreciation of the Mass and the Sacraments.

Women Active Among Vincentians

LISBON, Portugal, (NC) — Portugal's St. Vincent de Paul Society has an active women's section which reported distributing more than $500,000 in charitable assistance last year, in addition to operating nurseries, schools, hostels and soup kitchens.

The St. Vincent de Paul women, who number 17,600 in 884 conferences, are making intensive efforts to recruit young people into their ranks.

Ukrainians Plan to Build Cathedral

PHILADELPHIA, (NC) — A three-million-dollar cathedral will rise on a piece of land here that was once one of Philadelphia's worst slum areas.

The new structure, designed to accommodate 1,400 worshipers, will be the largest Ukranian Catholic cathedral in the country. It replaces the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Mikado St. Raphael

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tor in March, 1919 with charge of St. Gabriel, Black River (already attached to Harrisville in 1895), Sacred Heart, Oscoda as well as St. Raphael, Mikado.

Father Ryan had new roofing placed on St. Raphael church and bought additional pews in this same year.

In March, 1926, Father Joseph W. Delehanty began a tenure as pastor lasting a period of 11 years. In the fall of 1931 the mission of St. Gabriel, Black River was given to St. Catherine, Nicholson Hill.

In January, 1938 after only a few months Father Julian A. Maleski made way for Father Adalbert Narloch who became pastor on Jan. 15, 1938.

Father Narloch now provided for Mass on all Sundays and Holydays and at long last the monthly Mass schedule was abandoned. On June 26, 1950 St. Raphael was attached to Sacred Heart, Oscoda when a resident pastor was again sent to Oscoda in the person of Fr. Lawrence H. Greiner.

Under Fr. Greiner, the old cedar blocks gave way to a cement block foundation. A small vestibule was built at this time and provision was made for a reed pump organ, vestment case and Monstrance. The Confraternity of the Rosary was officially formed with a group known as the the Altar Society functioning under its auspices. A unit of the Holy Name Society was established for the men of the mission.

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Attached to Harrisville

UPON THE appointment of Father Raymond C. Mulka as pastor of St. Anne, Harrisville on Jan. 15, 1953, Bishop Woznicki reattached St. Raphael, Mikado as its mission April 6, 1953.

On July 29, 1954, permission was granted to extend St. Raphael Church northward 20 feet from the present location of the Sanctuary. In this area a concrete floor and first brick chimney as well as a new interior wall was installed to provide new Sanctuary and Sacristy quarters. The project cost in excess of $3,000.

On May 26, 1955 a new oak-bronze altar, candlesticks, tabernacle, crucifix and canopy were installed for $1,000 as a special preparation for the First Mass celebration of Father John Rushman, son of John and Melvina Rushman, following his ordination as the first Priest and religious vocation from St. Raphael, Mikado.

It was at this time that George Lincoln donated $500 for oak-bronze Stations of the Cross to harmonize with the above sanctuary furnishings.

After Father Rushman's First Mass, which was an event of June 5, 1955, it was decided that more seating capacity was needed. In February, 1956, by dint of volunteer labor and generous response with donations 20 pews were added for the sum of $500.

On July 2, 1956, an addition to replace the present entrance to the church was begun. The 38 feet by 16 feet extension provided permanent heating, plumping and confessional space with ample vestibule serving as overflow accommodation of 50 people. This $3,000 project brought our capacity to 250.

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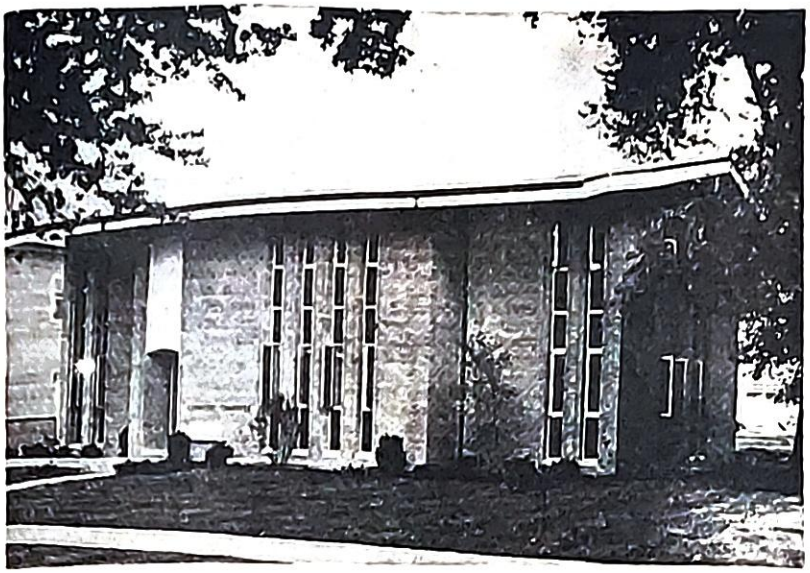
In Tourist Area

REDECORATION of the church was next arranged with permission granted to make a $2,400 loan on Aug. 6, 1958. While this work was in progress it became necessary to remodel and rebuild the bell tower due to the ravages of time and climate.

The bell rigging was replaced upon discovery that the bell was all but detached and poised for an unceremonious plunge to the entrance way of the church.

Grateful for the stroke of Providence allowing us to prevent both damage and injury, a group of parishioners assumed the role of donors and presented $500 for a white carrara marble statue of St. Raphael the Archangel, patron of the mission. Fittingly, the four foot likeness of St. Raphael was set in a copper lined niche hewn on the church facade below the bell tower.

St. Raphael church, Mikado in the midst of the summer tourist haven of the north and only five miles from Lake Huron's shores was aptly named years ago, with a prophetic vision to meet modern day bustling highway traffic. St. Raphael was made patron of travellers long before the same honor was bestowed on St. Christopher.



Catholic Charities Diocesan Headquarters

Catholic Charities Marking Quarter-Century of Service

CATHOLIC SOCIAL welfare in the newly created Diocese of Saginaw began in 1939 under its first bishop, Most Rev. William F. Murphy. The first Catholic welfare work in the diocese was under the sponsorship of the League of Catholic Women, which had been organized in the Diocese in 1938.

On June 1, 1943, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Saginaw was organized under the directorship of Fr. Ralph M. Richards.

At that time, the social work of the League of Catholic Women of Saginaw County, the social work of the League of Catholic Women of Bay County, and social services of St. Vincent Home were coordinated under the Catholic Charities of the Diocese.

It was in 1943, that offices for Catholic Charities of the Diocese were established in Saginaw and Bay City.

The League of Catholic Women in both Saginaw and Bay Counties continued to co-support the work of Catholic welfare in conjunction with financial support from the Diocese of Saginaw.

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Alpena, Thumb Expansion

IN 1946 AN office of Catholic Charities was established in Alpena, Michigan, to offer social work services to the counties of the Alpena Deanery. In 1948 an office of Catholic Charities was opened in Bad Axe to offer social work services to the Thumb Deanery.

With the establishment of the Bad Axe office, the entire 16 counties of the diocese were thus being offered case-work services.

Additional services were offered to the people of the diocese in 1946 with the establishment of the Mexican Apostolate and, in particular, welfare services were offered by the Guadalupe Medical Clinic of the Mexican Apostolate under the supervision of the Mission Sisters of the Holy Ghost.

This facility continues to this date on property adjoining St. Joseph's parish.

At the present, however, (1963) a new clinic is being built on the North East Corner of Wadsworth and North 17th street to be operated by the same Sisters and to be co-sponsored for the first three years by Bishop Stephen S. Woznicki and a community-sponsored organization.

It is contemplated that at the end of the first three years it will be taken over entirely by the City of Saginaw to be financed by the Saginaw United Fund. The new clinic is to be known as the Saginaw Community Clinic.

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Care for Aged

ST. FRANCIS HOME for the Aged, operated by the Bernadine Sisters, was founded and opened by Bishop Woznicki on Sept. 8, 1953.

In order to acquire facilities for the aged, Bishop Woznicki purchased the old St. Luke's Hospital at 1407 Janes Street, which had been operated by the Lutheran people of Saginaw.

The building was completely renovated and modernized to accommodate 61 aged residents. Since its opening in 1953, it has been operating to capacity and meeting a very great need for the senior citizens of the Diocese.

Black River

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earliest record is written in the year 1896, but some of the parishioners contend that the mission is older than that.

Fr. Winter came from AuSable about once a month to offer Mass in the village's three-room school house. At that time it was part of the Grand Rapids diocese under Bishop Richter.

Fr. Ducette, who had succeeded Fr. Winter, is responsible for the construction of the present edifice. With volunteer help of the men, and under the foremanship of a Mr. Cousineau, a sturdy frame building with a seating capacity of 150 was erected at its present site.

The Alger Smith co., for which many of the parishioners worked, donated a full acre and all the lumber. According to reports the first Mass was celebrated in October of 1891.

The year following the completion of the church the area was divided into several parishes. Harrisville became the mother parish for missions at Mikado, Black River, and Nicholson Hill. At that time distances and bad roads limited the holy Sacrifice of the Mass to once a month.

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Church Enlarged

IN THE SPRING of 1905 Fr. Louis T. Bouchard became pas-

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Another organization in affiliation with Catholic Charities of the Diocese is the St. Vincent de Paul society which operates St. Vincent de Paul stores in Saginaw and Bay City.

This society and these stores furnish clothing and household furnishings free to families in need and they also offer new merchandise at a reasonable cost to those who are on a marginal income.

Profits from the St. Vincent de Paul Store, when there are any, are used for works of religion, welfare and Catholic education for the people of the Diocese.

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United Fund Aids

THE LEAGUE of Catholic Women has expanded in the first 25 years of the Diocese so that it is now established in practically every county and community of the Diocese.

The League of Catholic Women throughout these 25 years has been great assistance to the Bishop of the Diocese in promoting the work of Catholic Charities. This organization has aided in diocesan-sponsored movements financially, spiritually and morally.

The work of Catholic Charities that are sponsored, in whole or in part, by United Funds and Community Chest are the four Deanery offices of Catholic Family Service and St. Vincent Home.

At the time of this writing, there is a growing and increasing cooperation by the various communities in the financial support of the Catholic Charities organization.

One of the main sources of financial support in the Diocese for the works of Catholic Charities is from the Annual Easter Sunday Catholic Charities collection. This plan was inaugurated by Bishop Stephen S. Woznicki when he came to the Diocese of Saginaw and is proving to be most helpful in promoting Catholic social welfare.

St. Vincent Home operated by the Daughters of Charity of Emmitsburg, Maryland, is caring at the present time, for 58 children, 10 of whom are Cuban children, who are in this country as a result of the Castro revolution and regime currently in power in Cuba. St. Vincent Home is financed jointly by the Diocese of Saginaw and Saginaw United Fund and offers services to dependent and neglected children.

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Location

THE OFFICES of Catholic Charities were in the chancery building from 1943 to 1956. When need for additional space developed the offices were transferred to 220 S. Michigan where they remained from 1956 until July 21st of 1963.

On July 21, 1963 the new Catholic Charities building for the diocese was dedicated by Bishop Woznicki. The new Catholic Charities building was completed at a cost of approximately $100,000 and is a splendid modern building that will meet the Catholic Social Service needs of the diocese for many years to come.

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Directorships

AT THE PRESENT time Fr. Ralph M. Richards is Diocesan Secretary for Charities to the bishop. Alfred J. Ciaffone is Director of Catholic Family Services of Saginaw, Fr. Chester J. Pilarski is Director of Catholic Family Services of Alpena and Bay City and Fr. Paul C. Pelletier is Director of Catholic Family Service of Bad Axe.

Rural to Suburban Status for Nicholson Hill Parish

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tion of the pastor of Nicholson Hill.

In the spring of 1956 Morris and Wesolek of Bay City were engaged as architects for a new church.

On Sept. 13, 1956 the preliminary sketches were approved. Final approval of the plans and authorization to submit the plans for the bidding of the contractors was given on April 29, 1957.

Bids for the new church were opened on May 21 at 8 p.m. in the parish hall. The contracts were awarded to the following on June 6: Engelhardt Construction Co. of Bay City ($103,800); plumbing, Bearss Plumbing and Heating of Alpena ($6,199); heating, Frimberger Sheet Metal Co. of Saginaw ($10,000); and electrical, Henderson Electric Co. of Cheboygan ($7,700).

The next day ground was broken without ceremony and construction began.

A week later, on June 14, Fr. Barney Janowicz, a newly ordained priest, became assistant pastor and remained until Sept. 12.

Msgr. John J. Sonefeld, vicar general, laid the cornerstone of the new church on July 21 at 3 p.m. Fr. Paul Pelletier preached the sermon. Frs. Harry Hart and Olin Murdick assisted as deacon and subdeacon.

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Dedication July 6, 1958

ON DEC. 21 BIDS were opened for purchase of the old church. Of the three submitted Ed Price, jr. had the high bid of $380. In the spring of 1958 his work of razing the old frame church was completed. The bell, however, was placed in the new church.

The last Mass in the old church was offered on Saturday, Feb. 15, 1958 by Fr. Pelletier. The next day, after blessing the church with the simple blessing, he offered Mass for the first time in the new church.

A temporary altarstone was used on top of the marble altar until July 2, when Msgr. Sonefeld consecrated the altar "ad modum fixi." He was assisted by Fr. Hickey, Fr. Murdick, and Fr. Robert Pelletier. At the time of consecration the relics of St. Catherine of Alexandria, St. Cecilia, and St. Peregrinus (martyr) were sealed into the altar.

Four days later, on July 6, Bishop Woznicki blessed the church solemnly. The ceremony began at noon. Fr. Charles O'Neil preached and acted as assistant priest.

Assistant deacons were Fr. William Simon and Fr. Martin Kalahar. Fr. James Hickey served as M.C. Celebrant for the solemn high Mass in the bishop's presence was Fr. Robert Pelletier. Assisting him as deacon was Fr. Edwin Thome (LaCrosse) and Fr. Raymond Pilarski as subdeacon.

Fr. Barney Janowicz acted as second M.C. and Fr. Joseph Castanier as thurifer.

Fr. David Shaum, professor of music at Mount Saint Mary's College, Emmittsburg, Maryland, assisted Fr. Pelletier in 1960 from July 3 to Sept. 4.

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Tithing Program

ON OCT. 23 at 8 p.m. the solemn blessing of the new Baldwin electronic organ took place. Fr. Donald Christenson preached the sermon. Fr. Pelletier was celebrant, Fr. Joseph Branigan, deacon, and Fr. Raymond Mulka, subdeacon.

After the blessing Timothy Kreuger, organist-choirmaster of Saginaw Immanuel Lutheran church, gave a recital. On March 7 the initial installation of the organ had been made with completion on Aug. 29. The Altar Society donated the $4,077 organ.

On Dec. 11 the altar boys of the parish were invested with white monastic cassocks in a church ceremony.

In 1961, on Oct. 25, the parish purchased for $7,000 the St. Charles store and property (117.7' x 610') to be used as a catechetical school.

On Sunday, Feb. 25, 1962 the parishioners adopted a program of tithing to support the parish. The following week parishioners began to receive the Catholic Weekly directly by mail.

Installation of the $8,000 red oak pews was completed in time for Confirmation on Sunday, May 27.

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Men's Choir Formed

ON JUNE 24 the use of commentators at Mass was initiated. John Staub was the first. Others in the program are Robert Abram, Lyle Beatty, Edward and James Hornak, and Turley Thompson.

On Sunday, Oct. 14, the men's choir made its first appearance under the direction of Mrs. Richard Higley.

Members include James Dault, Robert Cecil, Turley Thompson, Clifford Anderson, Edward Hornak, Richard Higley, Lyle Beatty and Donald Bushey.

Organist for the choir is Mrs. William Devins. At other liturgical functions Mrs. Fred Couture plays the organ.

The parish of St. Catherine is located in a rural area. Because of the rapid increase in population, establishment of subdivisions, and building of new homes, the parish is becoming more suburban than rural.

Because of its location near Lake Huron and Hubbard Lake (all of which is in the territory of St. Catherine) the parish is also classified as a resort parish.

At present there are 170 families in the parish.

To date the parish has had only two religious vocations, both to the Grand Rapids Dominicans. Sr. Irene Marie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Couture, took her final vows on Aug. 15, 1960. Sr. Marie Laurette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver LaBell, became a professed religious with simple vows on June 1, 1962.

THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY now has its own headquarters building at 1520 Court st. in Saginaw. First issue of The Catholic Weekly made its appearance on March 22, 1912. From initial coverage of the Saginaw area the paper expanded its field to cover the whole Diocese of Saginaw.

In August, 1954 the first edition of The Catholic Weekly for the Diocese of Lansing made its appearance. Headquarters for that edition is at G-1624 Lambden road, Flint. Father Neil O'Connor has directed The Catholic Weekly since its inception, and is editor of both the Saginaw and Lansing editions. Father O'Connor is pastor of Saginaw St. Andrew's, mother parish of Saginaw County.

Under Fr. O'Connor's guidance, The Catholic Weekly has grown from a circulation of 1,500 to a circulation of over 50,000 in the 31 counties of the two dioceses.

The Catholic Weekly has been very powerful in promoting the construction of such institutions as St. Paul seminary and Queen of Angels Retreat House in Saginaw and the St. John Student Parish and Center in East Lansing. The Catholic Weekly has proven to be a great force for unity in both dioceses.

Mounting Work Force Provides a Present and a Future Headache

By J. J. Gilbert

WASHINGTON, (NC) — The average American has an increasing life expectancy but a decreasing work life expectancy. That is, he is tendin to live more years, but to work fewer years.

Between 1900 and 1950, the life expectancy of a male child in this country increased 18 years, or from 48 to 66 years.

In the same time, the work life expectancy increased 10 years, or from 32 to 42 years.

But in the decade between 1950 and 1960, the male life expectancy rose only one year, while the male work life expectancy actually decreased a half-year.

TO STUDENTS of such matters, this development of the last decade indicates two things:

One, that as man approaches the Biblical three-score and ten years his gains in life expectancy become harder to achieve, and, two, that the work life span is dwindling because men are undergoing longer periods of prework training on the one hand, and are retiring at an earlier age on the other.

These and many other interesting facts are brought out in a U. S. Department of Labor Manpower Report on the "Length of Working Life for Males, 1900-60."

As some of the implications of the decline in work life expectancy, the report lists these points: Retirement is becoming more a matter of choice as social security and other retirement benefits increase in amount and scope; the working abilities and experience of the older retired persons are not being utilized; the wishes and needs of older persons for more adequate income as well as the desire for recognition often go unheeded as they cannot find satisfactory employment; the trend toward early retirement seems irreversible, as does the growth of the population 65 years of age and older.

IN THE LIGHT of 1960 conditions, a male worker aged 20 can expect to live 50 years, and to work almost 43 years.

The average worker will make six job changes in his working career. And, during those 43 years, he can expect that there will be many changes in the economic and industrial climate.

For example, during the last 40 years the percentage of the working force in farming dropped from 30 per cent to less than 10 per cent. Manufacturing employment rose to a peak and began to decline as a percentage of total employment. Employment in mining dropped from more than one million workers to less than 700,000.

And, the Labor Department thinks, the tempo of change may accelerate in the upcoming 40 years.

The American work force is expected to increase dramatically in the next several years as record numbers of young people reach labor force age.

"Providing useful employment for young and old who wish to work will continue to be one of our major manpower problems," the Labor Department's report says.

Priests Urged to Speak Out on Race Bias

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — (NC) — The day for roundabout allusions from the pulpit to the evils of racism is past, a priest said here in urging more effort by Catholic clergy to combat racial discrimination.

"Racism is the greatest domestic moral evil we have, but it receives little attention from the pulpit," Msgr. Daniel Cantwell, chaplain of the Catholic Interracial Council of Chicago, told a special clergy conference on race.

HE SAID "the day is past when priests can give a sermon on the broad outlines of charity and leave the people to draw their own conclusions."

The meeting was part of a program initiated by Bishop Charles H. Helmsing of Kansas City-St. Joseph to engage the full resources of the diocese in the movement for racial justice.

The Bishop told the more than 100 priests at the meeting that "it sometimes takes the shock treatment to make us realize what a horror it is for a man to be judged by the color of his skin."

He urged the priests to act with conviction in bringing to their parishioners a sense of responsibility for effecting social change.

Msgr. Cantwell advised the priests not to "miss the mood of the 1963 racial crisis," which he described as forcing leaders "to think big."

" . . . The important thing for us is to adequately assess the mood," he said. "It gives us the chance to get rid of the greatest social evil of our day. Despite whatever pain it costs, we must take advantage of the opportunity and join the Negro community in a positive desire for freedom for all."

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vent, install stair treads in church, remodel girls room in school, paint and repair in school. The total cost was $8,516.14.

The bishop said the parish may build the gymnasium when its debt is reduced to $50,000. The debt now is $61,200. We hope work on the gymnasium will start in 1963.

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Vocations

SINCE THE history of the parish was written for 1952 two boys of St. Mary's were ordained to the priesthood: Fr. Paul C. Pelletier, ordained in Rome, July 20, 1952; Fr. William D. McCarthy, ordained in Rome, June 9, 1956 for Maryknoll.

St. Mary's boys in the seminary: Leslie Helber at Our Lady of Carey seminary, Carey, Ohio; Donald Jarvis at St. Mary's, Ky.; James Heller, at Holy Cross Seminary, LaCrosse, Wis. and James Carlson at St. Paul Seminary, Saginaw.

St. Mary's boys in the Brotherhood: Gerald Goulet, Franciscan and David Tressie with Holy Ghost Fathers.

St. Mary's girls in the Sisterhood: Kathleen Doerr and Margaret Sheridan, with the Sisters of Mercy, and Kathleen Jarvis with the Good Shepherd Sisters.

From the 1960 graduating class of St. Mary High school, six girls entered the convent of whom one belonged to St. Mary parish.

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are executed in imported antique glass.

On March 25, 1959, a contract for $10,220 was made with artist-sculptor, John Rylko of Gaylord and Poland, for a triptych over the main altar. It contains a hardwood carved life-size crucifix with hinged-panel wood carvings on either side. . .the sacrifice of Abel on the gospel side and the sacrifice of Melchesidec on the epistle side, plus three new oak altars, oak-paneled reredos with wood carved symbols of the seven sacraments, and wood carved stations of the cross.

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Shrine Built

MRS. WILLIAM Curtis, in memory of her deceased husband, had built a new out of doors shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes of Onaway stone. It was laid by Archie Farrow in October, 1959; together with much volunteer labor and donations, the statue of Our Lady of Lourdes was installed in November, 1959.

Building of the shrine fulfilled a war-time promise of Bill Curtis to the Mother of God that "some day I will build you a shrine at some Catholic church".

On May 21, 1961, Fr. Lawrence H. Greiner, presently in charge of St. Paul's, dedicated the shrine. Fr. Adalbert Narloch, pastor of Rogers City St. Ignatius, blessed it. Fr. Edward Szturmowski of Alpena preached the sermon.

In the fall of 1959, Fr. Vaughn remodeled and equipped the kitchen of the parish at a cost of $1,000. In the Spring of 1960, he refurnished the bedrooms, dining room and kitchen of the rectory.

On April 27, 1960, Fr. Mason L. Vaughn was named pastor of St. Mary Church in Port Sanilac, and Fr. Greiner was placed in charge of the Onaway parish.

In May, 1960, Fr. Greiner was named spiritual director of the Alpena Curia of the Legion of Mary.

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Improvements Continue

IN 1960, the parish purchased a heavy duty lawn mower.

On July 25, 1960 seven wood carved oak panels on waylite block, as reredos, back of the main altar were installed by John Rylko. Wood carved stations of the cross were hung on Dec. 21, 1960. They were blessed and officially erected on Jan. 8, 1961 by Fr. Flavius Czuba, O.F.M., of the Petoskey Priory.

A Good Friday adoration crucifix carved by Rylko at a cost of $280 was paid by donations of parishioners.

On Friday, April 29, 1961, the two side altars were installed at a cost of $500 each in St. Paul's church. The Blessed Virgin altar is being donated by the Altar society and the Sacred Heart altar by the Holy Name society.

On Aug. 23, 1961 the seven sacrament symbols were placed on the reredos.

Emblems were placed on the front of the two side altars and beautiful wooden tabernacles were made for the side altars which support the statutes. Oak panels were placed in the niche back of the statute of each side altar.

An unusual double crown canopy was hoisted over the main altar on Oct. 25, 1961, by Rylko.

The parish hopes to get a Pieta to complete the alcove across the church from the confessional and balance the unfinished area of the church interior.

The St. Paul wood carvings were blessed on July 15, 1962 by Bishop Woznicki. The Bishop also confirmed 33 children and converts and attended the jubilee Mass and banquet for the silver jubilee in the priesthood of Fr. Greiner.

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The Parish Today

THE CHURCH rectory today is the original large frame structure. The old school building has been converted into the largest and best equipped hall in town and serves as the locale of many community gatherings and banquets.

Parishioners hope for the day when they can install three new church bells in the empty bell tower.

Parents are hoping for a new parish school and the return of the sisters. The Adrian Dominicans now conduct an annual religious Vacation School.

Among religious vocations from the parish are Msgr. Fraser, pastor of Muskegon St. John The Baptist; Fr. Mahoney, Saginaw St. Stephen pastor; Sister Mary Faith (Mahoney), of the Grand Rapids Dominicans; Sr. Mary Edwina (Malone) of the Detroit Sisters of Mercy; Sr. Mary Bernadine (Corriveau) and Sr. Borgia Marie (Knezew), of the Nazareth Sisters of St. Joseph.

Black River

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tor of these churches and remained for eight years. Fr. J. Arthur Houle came in November, 1913 and served the people until 1919, when he was succeeded by Fr. Frederick W. Ryan.

It was during the latter's pastorate that a cement foundation replaced the old cedar block foundation.

Fr. J. W. Delehanty assumed pastoral charge of the mission during the years 1923-1934. Fr. J. A. Moleski then became pastor with residence at St. Catherine, Nicholson Hill. Black River was attached to that parish as a mission. Fr. Earl Denay succeeded Fr. Moleski in October 1936.

Fr. George Lavallee was given charge of the mission in November of 1937. In 1950 the church was remodelled and enlarged to accommodate 200 people. A new altar, a new addition for the sacristy, a confessional, and a new organ were part of the project.

Fr. Theodore LaMarre was appointed to help Fr. Lavallee on April 6, 1951. When Fr. LaVallee retired because of ill-health in August of 1953, Fr. LaMarre remained as pastor until Oct. 20, 1955. On that date Fr. Robert Pelletier was installed as pastor.

Assistant pastors serving this mission church have been Fr. John Debski (1950-51), Fr. Raymond Pilarski (1955), Fr. Charles O'Neil (1956), and Fr. Barney Janowicz (1957). Fr. David Shaum of Mount St. Mary's College in Emmitsburg, Md., assisted during the summer months of 1960.

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Boundaries Drawn

IN 1956, on Oct. 13, canonical boundaries were established for St. Gabriel.

The parking lot north of the church was made in the spring of 1957. In 1960, during the spring and summer months, a well was drilled for the church, and toilet facilities were added on the south side of the church for a cost of $1,018.76. At the same time the sign in front of the church was constructed.

The program of regular lay participation in the Mass began in 1956. Lay readers for the Epistle and Gospel were used. The altar boys received their white monastic cassocks in a ceremony at Nicholson Hill St. Catherine on Dec. 11, 1960. In December, 1961, a new Baldwin electronic organ was installed ($1,420.90).

The lay readers began to function as commentators at Mass on July 20, 1962. The commentators are Oliver DeRocher, Jr., Russell Anstead and Daniel Bouchard. Organist for the church is Mrs. Joseph Carriveau.

At present there are 60 families in the parish, mostly of French descent.

THE ST. PAUL SEMINARY OF SAGINAW
DEDICATED JUNE 29, 1961